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SPORTS

DELEGATE BUTLER WHO SHOT WOMAN TRIED BY COURT

Politician Both Testify at an Accident Caused Injury.

HAS RECOVERED HEALTH

When in Hospital Widow Said She Was Wounded for Failure to Keep Appointment.

Thomas J. Butler of 2124 Franklin avenue, member of the House of Delegates from the Nineteenth Ward, was freed by Judge Clark today in the Court of Criminal Correction of the charge of shooting Mrs. Anna Crane of 246 Gamble street, a policeman's wife in Jefferson City, his former friend, in the early morning of Aug. 25 last.

Butler's discharge, which was at his preliminary hearing, came after both he and Mrs. Crane had testified that the shooting was an accident. Mrs. Crane has recovered from her wound, which was in the chest.

Mrs. Crane was shot while she was in Butler's company on the sidewalk near her home. After the shooting Butler ran to his home and locked the doors and policemen had to enter through a transom to arrest him. He would make no definite statement as to the shooting, but told the police that Mrs. Crane had thrown stones at him, and he also said he had thrown his revolver into a yard across the street.

Mrs. Crane, at the city hospital, told reporters and the police that Butler, who had just returned from a meeting of the Democratic State Committee in Jefferson City, had shot her because she had failed to keep an appointment with him.

Her testimony today was widely different from her statement after the shooting, at a time when she apparently believed she would die.

She testified that on the night of Aug. 25, before Butler's return from Jefferson City, she was visiting with four friends whose names she could not remember.

As she had met them only that evening, she did not know their names. "Going out after midnight," she testified, "I met Mr. Butler on the street, and I called to him and tugged at his coat. He had both hands in his pocket, and as he took them out a revolver fell out. I don't know from which pocket it fell, and I both stooped over to pick it up, and as we did so the revolver was suddenly discharged and the bullet hit me. That's about all I remember."

When she was asked if she hit Butler with a stone, she said she did not. Assistant Circuit Attorney Fitzgerald asked if she had not told him a different story at the hospital, and she said she did not remember what she had said at the hospital. She said she had been acquainted with Butler five years.

C. J. Green of 2735 Washington avenue, who was on the other side of the street at the time of the shooting, said he saw a man and woman arguing, the man apparently trying to get away and the woman pulling at him, and that the woman picked up two stones, which the man wrested from her, and then managed to throw a third stone at him. Then, Green said, he saw the woman raise her hands, and heard a shot, though he did not see the revolver.

SANTA CLAUS TO REMEMBER CITY HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Men, Women and Children Will Each Get a Present, but no Candy.

Santa Claus has put the city hospital on his visiting list this year, and his sleigh will be loaded for the 764 patients, big and little, with all the good things which he distributes elsewhere, except candy.

Presents for the adult patients have been procured by the nurses, who will give each one a handkerchief, while the superintendent, F. E. Chapman, will give each man a cigar. The wards are being decorated with a fund contributed by the Mayor and the visiting physicians' staff.

Gifts for the children have been provided by the Episcopal Mission, the United Society, Charles A. Stix, the bureau of the Unity, the Maple Avenue Methodist Church, and Miss Henderson of Florissant. Another individual giver, a Miss Brainerd, has donated 48 baby garments.

Fifty baskets of food from the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival are to be taken to families of patients recently discharged. Kingdom House and the Elks' lodge will also give baskets. A dinner similar to that served on Thanksgiving, and including turkey, cranberries and mince pie, will be served to the patients. The nurses will give a Christmas eve dance, to which the physicians have been invited.

LEAHY ARGUMENTS HEARD

Attorney Wants Appeal in Campbell Case Dismissed.

Arguments were heard by Judge Hitchcock yesterday on a motion by John S. Leahy to dismiss the appeal taken by the beneficiaries under the will of the late James Campbell from Leahy's appointment as administrator pendente lite of the Campbell estate.

Leahy was appointed by Probate Judge Hitchcock after relatives had used to set aside the will. The appointment took place under the Mercantile Trust Co. its power to administer the estate, but the appeal served to restore the estate to the trust company. Leahy's attorneys argued that the Court had no power to grant an appeal in the case. Judge Hitchcock took the matter under advisement.

SLIGHTLY WARMER TONIGHT, WITH MINIMUM ABOUT 22

THE TEMPERATURES.

High, 24 at 3 p. m. Low, 19 at 11 p. m.

Yesterday's Temperatures.

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St. Louis, last night, missed the 6-above weather which had been predicted for it by the Weather Bureau.

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; slightly warmer tonight, with the lowest temperature about 22.

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HOLT CAMP MUST GIVE UP CLAIM ON \$116,000 IN FEES

Supreme Court, in Greene County Case, Decides Law Affecting Probate Judges Is Legal.

IS THE SECOND RULING

Judge Has Paid Excess Fees of Office to City Treasurer Under Protest.

By a decision of the State Supreme Court, handed down yesterday, Probate Judge Charles W. Holtcamp will have to surrender \$116,000 of excess fees which he had paid under protest to the Board of Education. The decision was in the case of *Ledy vs. Greene County*, in which the validity of the law of 1905 providing salaries instead of fees for Probate Judges, was upheld.

This is the second decision handed down by the Supreme Court upholding the validity of this law. Grant G. Ledy of Springfield, Judge of the Probate Court of Greene County, contested the validity of the law, and following the suits filed by him and the Probate Judge of St. Joseph, Judge Holtcamp paid the fees of the St. Louis court into the City Treasury under protest, thereby reserving his right to recover them in the event of a decision favorable to Ledy.

School Board Gave Contract. The result of Judge Holtcamp's action was that the Board of Education was compelled to enter into a contract with the City Treasurer, Auditor and Comptroller, to defend any suits filed by him for the recovery of the fees, before the city officials would transmit the money to the School Board.

Had the decision of the Supreme Court been otherwise, Judge Holtcamp would have been in a position to retain fees in excess of \$30,000 a year, which now go to the Board of Education. It was estimated that the fees for the two terms he has served, and the term to which he was elected in November, would aggregate \$200,000.

The law of 1905 provides that Probate Judges shall receive the same salaries as Circuit Judges throughout the State, plus 10 per cent of the fees. The St. Louis Circuit Judges receive salaries of \$8500 a year, but the salaries are smaller in the country districts. With the fee which he received under the law, Judge Holtcamp has been getting about \$3000 a year as Probate Judge in St. Louis.

Ledy, contesting the validity of the law, pleaded its unconstitutionality on the ground that as the salaries of Circuit Judges are unequal it was class legislation.

Only Two Justices Dissent. The decision was written by Chief Justice Lamm, with Judges Brown, Walker, Woodson and Bond concurring, and Judges Graves and Farris dissenting. As all phases of the law have been passed upon by the Supreme Court, in this and the previous decision, it is not thought likely that any further effort will be made by Probate Judges to contest its validity.

A campaign for re-election Judge Holtcamp pledged himself not to contest the law, but this pledge was made after it had been discovered that he had made plans by which he could recover the excess fees which he had accumulated during his service. The Supreme Court had knocked out the law.

President of National Stockyards Uses Grandson's Sled.

C. T. Jones, 64 years old, president of the National Stock Yards Co., told his friends today how for two days he had been coasting on his grandson's sled, which he had just received from Signal Hill, the highest spot in St. Clair County, to Edgemont, to get to work. It was too dangerous for his auto, and a horse slipped badly. Then he borrowed a sled of one of his grandsons, and on his trip such sport that he tried it again this morning.

Judge E. C. Kramer, living near Jones, tried coasting from his residence this morning, but was thrown into a gulley and covered with snow. His hat was blown off, and he also tried to coast on Sunday morning, but was thrown and his right wrist was sprained.

MAYOR TO GIVE BOOKS TO BOYS

Presents to Industrial School inmates Will Costless Autograph.

Books for boys were piled on Mayor Kiel's office table today, and whenever the Mayor got a moment's leisure he would write his name on the flyleaf of one of the books, with "Merry Christmas" or some similar message beneath.

The books are to be the Mayor's Christmas gifts to the boys of the city Industrial School. Most of them were the works of England's most prolific writers of boys' books, G. A. Henry, Oliver Optic was represented. The Mayor has ordered some books for girls also, and these were to be delivered later in the day and autographed. The Mayor's total purchase was 300 books.

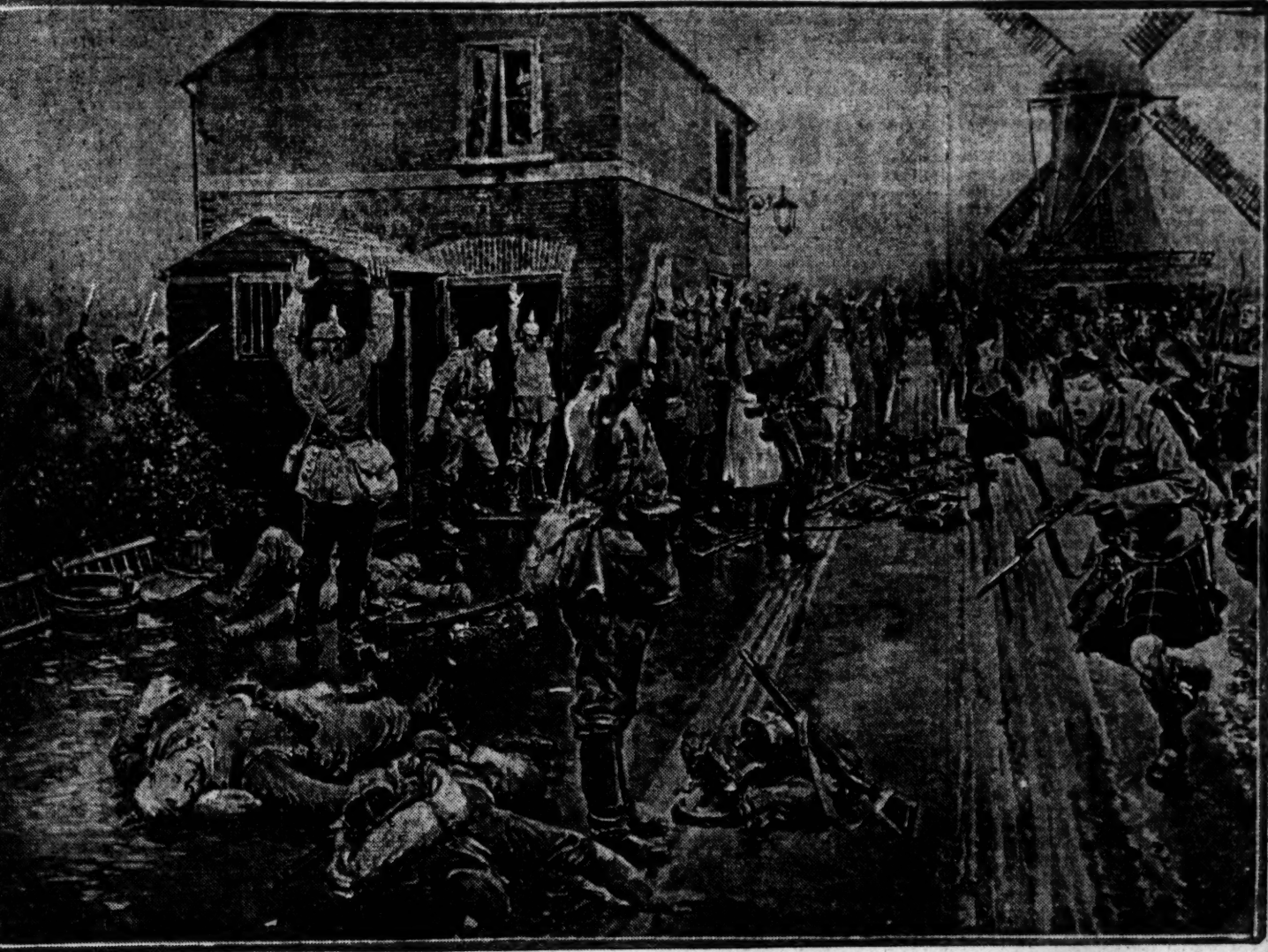
PASSENGER TRAIN IS WRECKED

The Missouri Pacific general offices in St. Louis at noon received reports that passenger train No. 3, due in St. Louis at 8:45 p. m. today, was derailed this morning at Mar, Kan.

All of the six cars and engine left the track, but did not turn over. The reports stated that none of the passengers was dangerously injured. One girl suffered a broken arm. The reports stated that the cause of the derailment had not been ascertained.

Cameron Highlanders Capturing a German Detachment.

Drawn by F. MATANIA for the London Sphere.



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THE above incident was personally recounted to the artist by A. H. Beard, a private, who was wounded in the engagement described and pictured above. Beard is now recovering at the University College Hospital in London.

The incident took place at Langemarck, in the Yser country. Early in November a force of about a hundred Germans had been compelled to take cover behind a mill and a small house. The house was rendered untenable by British artillery fire, and a small force of Cameron Highlanders, by a rapid rush, were able to round up the Germans, who were compelled to hold up their hands until a sufficiently strong guard arrived.

CONFERENCE IS HELD ON PLAN TO "HIRE-A-MAN"

Mayor, President Capen and Secretary Saunders of B. M. L. Discuss Proposal.

A conference on the "hire-a-man" movement suggested by Mayor Kiel to the Business Men's League was held between the Mayor and President Capen and Secretary Saunders of the league this morning. Mayor Kiel suggested that each member of the Business Men's League hire an extra employee to reduce the number of unemployed men in the city.

Before the conference Saunders said that the league members undoubtedly would give encouragement to the movement. Capen and Saunders wished to hear from Mayor Kiel what his ideas were as to carrying out the suggestion.

It is estimated that there are nearly 200 firms in the Business Men's League which employ men in different capacities. If each firm would take on at least one additional man it would start an industrial revival in the city which undoubtedly would result in a great deal of good, in the opinion of Mayor Kiel.

The Mayor told Capen and Saunders that he had formed no definite plan which he would urge members of the Business Men's League to adopt, but that he believed nearly every member would find employment for at least one man. Capen said he would place the matter before the Executive Committee of the league, and would report to the Mayor.

Mayor Kiel, after a consultation with Chairman Rogers of the Efficiency Board, announced that he would authorize Chief Henderson to fill 15 vacancies in the Fire Department without waiting for the applicants to take a civil service examination.

The board will not be ready to hold the examination for two months. The 15 men will be selected by Director Swingle and Chief Henderson from a list of 20 applications already on file. The jobs will be temporary and the men appointed will take the examination when the board is ready.

BEAUTY IS COSTLIER STILL

Preparation for "My Lady" to Be Taxed Under War Revenue Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Internal Revenue Commissioner Osborn, in a decision today, held that beauty preparations must be taxed under the war revenue act. Hair oils, pomades, hair dressings, hair restoratives, hair dyes, tooth pastes, bleaches, improvers, beautifiers, depilatories, brillianlines and soaps are taxable. The Commissioner's hair is white—what there is left of it.

He exempts from taxation ordinary shaving soaps, powders, perfumes and creams, unless cosmetic virtues are claimed for them. Tooth and mouth washes are also held to be taxable.

WEALTHY LAWYER KILLED, SON BADLY HURT BY BURGLAR

Texas Slain in Los Angeles Home by One of Two Robbers He Surprises.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—William Montrose Alexander, a retired attorney, said to be a millionaire, and for many years a resident of Dallas, Tex., was shot and killed early today by one of two burglars whom he discovered in his home.

William M. Alexander Jr., endeavoring to go to the aid of his father, was shot in the breast. Another bullet severed the index finger of his left hand.

Alexander moved from Dallas three years ago to Washington, D. C., where two daughters attended school. Miss Penelope Alexander, one of the daughters, heard shots fired by her brother and rushed to his aid. With a silver-backed hair brush she beat the burglars on the head and he struggled to free himself from the grasp of her wounded brother. The burglar finally broke away from the grip of young Alexander and his sister, and escaped.

Alexander practiced law in Dallas for 20 years. The family spent last year in Europe and had occupied their home here but a week.

When the robbers escaped from the Alexander houses they were barefooted and bareheaded, having left their shoes and hats in the yard.

Slain Attorney a Corporation Lawyer in Dallas, Tex.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 22.—William M. Alexander, killed in Los Angeles, was for many years a corporation attorney here. About three years ago he moved away with his family. Alexander was a native of Tennessee, but came here in 1875. He married a daughter of the late Judge S. Y. Horsett, a pioneer citizen of Fort Worth.

KING OF "HOUSE OF DAVID" ASKS FOR INVESTIGATION

Head of Flying Rollers' Colony Requests Michigan Governor to Make Inquiry.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Dec. 22.—"King" Benjamin Funnell turned on his accusers today by authorizing his attorney to ask Gov. Ferris for an immediate and complete investigation of the charges that his "Flying Rollers" here are a free love colony. He requested that every phase of life in his House of David colony be investigated by the State of Michigan.

"King" Benjamin also broke his silence of several weeks and issued a public statement in which he declared accusations against him were "only in fulfillment of a prophecy made by the 'Fifth Angel' John Wroe, in 1837, of persecutions upon the children of Israel before they would be permitted to enter the promised land of perfect purity and everlasting life." This pronouncement caused enthusiasm among his followers.

VON TIRPITZ SAYS GERMANY CAN STARVE ENGLAND, TOO

German Minister of Marine Asks "What Will America Say if We Declare Submarine War on Merchant Ships?"

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—An interview by Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, German Minister of Marine, to Karl H. von Wiegand, an American correspondent, is printed here today, in which von Tirpitz is quoted as asking: "What will America say if Germany declares submarine war on all enemy merchant ships?"

This question followed his statement that America had not protested against England's closing of the North Sea to neutral shipping. "England wants to starve us," he declared. "We can play the same game. We can bottle her up and torpedo every English or allied ship which nears any harbor in Great Britain, thereby cutting off large food supplies."

The interview was given at the Kaiser's field capital in France, and the delayed dispatch was sent under date of Dec. 2. Von Tirpitz afterward returned to Berlin because of the Kaiser's illness, but he is today reported again to have accompanied the Kaiser to the western battle front.

Von Tirpitz declared Berlin's domination of the sea was originally founded on piracy, while her power on land was established by robbery in all parts of the world.

"Germany was developing too fast, growing too strong and too powerful and was getting in England's way, so her throat had to be cut—that's it in a nutshell," he continued. "King Edward laid plans for it years ago. He had an inexhaustible antipathy to Germany. He looked about and seized upon the growing Pan-Slavism in the East and the Revanche idea in the West as his means."

"England thereupon formed an alliance with the yellow race in the Orient, with Russian barbarians in the East and in the West with the French, who were unable to shake themselves loose from the obsession of the 'Revanche.'"

"The impression has gone abroad," the correspondent remarked, "that German militarism hoped to bring on the war."

"Yes, that England's cry," retorted the Admiral. "Our militarism they accuse, but what about her navalism and mass raiding, which for years has made claims to a monopoly of authority on the water? There is no militarism with us, unless you call universal service by that title; and that is merely the defensive development which has resulted from Germany having been the transplanting ground of the European nations for hundreds of years. For 200 years France has declared war on Germany 30 times. I say universal service makes for peace, not for war."

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH

Postoffice Department Buys 175,000 Burlap Sacks on the Open Market.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—To handle the greatest volume of Christmas mail in the history of the Postoffice Department it has been found necessary to purchase additional equipment in the open market.

The department has been supplied with 2000 mail bags a day for six months but yesterday, to provide increased equipment, particularly for use in large cities, 175,000 burlap bags were purchased and another large order probably will be placed today.

Additional transportation equipment including cars, automobiles and wagons, as well as several thousand emergency employees in the railway mail service and city delivery service, have been added.

EX-SENATOR W. S. WEST DIES

VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Former United States Senator William S. West was found dead in bed at his home early today. He had retired apparently in good health.

West, who was a lawyer and business man, was appointed by Gov. Hutton to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Senator A. O. Bacon and he served from March 2 to November of this year.

MILITARISM MUST BE ENDED BEFORE FRANCE WILL STOP, DECLARES PREMIER

Viviani Tells Chamber of Deputies It Will Be "Combat Without Mercy Until It Be Possible to Reconstruct, on Basis of Justice, Regenerated Europe."

Rumania Agrees to Restore to Bulgaria the Rich Province of Dobrudja and Other Territory Taken in Second Balkan War.

Entente's Assurances Bulgaria Won't Attack Taken as an Indication Greece and Rumania Will Enter Conflict With Allies.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Premier Viviani, stating the views of the French Government, concerning the war, to the Chamber of Deputies, gathered for an extraordinary war session today, said: France, acting in accord with her allies, who shed the blood of their arms until after taking vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force; restored her Belgium to the fullness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed to the end that it be possible to reconstruct, on a basis of justice, a Europe regenerated."

Addressing the Chamber, Viviani, Premier Viviani, was greeted by almost continuous cheering. References to the allies of France and to the commanding Generals were applauded with particular enthusiasm.

There was a remarkable demonstration when the Premier declared that France and her allies were determined to carry on the war to the finish, whatever its length and severity.

"There is at this time but one single policy, a combat without mercy until such time as we can accomplish the definite liberation of Europe, won by a victory ensuring peace," said the Premier.

After the reading of the declaration, bills were introduced by various ministers. Then the sitting was concluded, having lasted scarcely more than an hour.

New National Spirit Evident. Several places in the chamber were vacant when the historic war session opened. Some of these were because of deaths on the battlefield and others because the soldier deputies have refused to leave their posts at the battle front.

None of the members was in uniform. Gen. Joffre had issued instructions permitting the wearing of civilian attire under certain circumstances, and to appear in the Chamber of Deputies in civilian clothes was regarded as more in accord with republican ideas. Nearly 200 deputies have joined the colors. Some are serving as privates, others have high rank, while still others are doing duty in different military departments.

Several members of the chamber were in their constituencies in the North at the time the Germans began their remarkable dash southward at the beginning of the war. Some of these men were able to make their way through the lines of the German troops, but others could not and were detained as hostages.

Representatives of all political groups from the Socialists to the extreme Conservatives had assembled in the lobby of the chamber before M. Paul Deschanel, Speaker of the House, rang his bell calling order.

Some Refuse to Leave Posts. The discussions were conducted with a great degree of animation. Nevertheless, it was easy to discern the new national spirit which has been evident since the beginning of hostilities. It pervaded the entire assemblage and the members of the Chamber generally expressed their determination to show confidence in the administration by supporting Government proposals without argument. On the three seats belonging to Deputies who have lost their lives on the field of battle there were wreaths of evergreen tied with the dead man's tricolor sash.

M. Deschanel took the chair at 3 o'clock. Facing him in the diplomatic gallery were William G. Sharp, the American Ambassador, together with diplomatic representatives from Japan and Italy.

When the Abbe Lamire entered the chamber he was the center of hearty congratulations for his patriotic conduct as Mayor of the town of Hasselbroeck, a locality which had been devastated by the Germans.

A patriotic address by M. Deschanel roused the members to enthusiastic cheering.

RUMANIA TO GIVE BACK TERRITORY

By Associated Press.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—The Bulgarian minister announced today that an agree-

Importance of Allies' Stroke in the Balkans Discussed by Expert

By the Military Expert of the New York Evening Sun.

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THE positive statement from London that allied diplomacy has succeeded in persuading Bulgaria to declare her unconditional neutrality for the war, that is, to give her pledge that, under no circumstances, will she attack her old enemies, Greece and Rumania, is one of the most interesting and significant statements that has come from Europe in recent days.

From Austria, in a dozen different ways, reports are coming that the dual monarchy is at the limit of its endurance, that disasters, misery, internal weakness and external reverses have combined to shake the whole structure of Francis Joseph's empire, and peace or ruin is, in the words of many Austrians, becoming the alternative.

Such being the apparent fact, the arrival on the Austrian frontier of nearly a million Greek and Rumanian troops might easily prove the final blow to Austrian resistance and have a decisive effect upon the fortunes of the German armies now fighting in Poland and in France and Belgium.

Based on Self Interests. Such an attack upon Austria by Rumania and Greece would be based upon self interests patent to all observers and expressed in the alliance between Serbia, Greece and Rumania, which immediately followed the second Balkan war. The purpose of the alliance was to defend the territories each state had acquired by that war directly and at the expense of Bulgaria, but actually in the face of Austrian intrigue and opposition.

Under the terms of that alliance it might be expected that Rumania and Greece would immediately come to the aid of Serbia when the great war began. But to do this in the early months would have been to risk the appearance of both Bulgaria and Turkey on the other side.

Rumania and Greece, however, have been expected to remain neutral, and to do this in the early months would have been to risk the appearance of both Bulgaria and Turkey on the other side.

Accordingly, while from the outset Rumania and Greece sympathized with Serbia and her great allies, both states preserved their neutrality, and by so doing kept Bulgaria neutral, for Germany and Austria would hardly care to enlist Bulgaria when this enlistment insured the appearance of Rumania and Greek armies on the other side.

Germania Had Advantage. Thus it immediately became the misfortune of Germany and allied diplomacy to obtain the support of Bulgaria. If the allies could procure from Bulgaria a promise of neutrality, Greece and Rumania were fairly certain to join their ranks. Germany, on the other hand, was bound to preserve the Bulgarian menace to Greece and Rumania.

To German diplomacy there was this immediate advantage: Bulgaria had recently been despoiled of most of her Turkish conquests by her neighbors, Serbia, Rumania and Greece. Having borne the brunt of the Turkish war, she found herself after the peace of Bucharest deprived of all but a tiny front upon the Bosphorus. Serbia had taken Macedonia, with some hundreds of thousands of Bulgarian inhabitants, who had long fought in the hope of ultimate union with Bulgaria.

Utterly exhausted by her two wars, Bulgaria had yielded, but her army was still a formidable force. It was conceivable that, Germany, by promising the Bulgars Macedonia and the Aegean Sea coast, by working on her natural resentment over her wrongs, might enlist her as a resource.

On the other hand, it was equally plain that allied diplomacy had more to offer in real profit.

Allies Offer Most Glittering. For, if French, Russian and English diplomacy could persuade Serbia to surrender the Macedonian district east of the Vardar in return for a guarantee that she should have Bosnia after the war, if they could persuade Rumania to return most of the Dobruja to Bulgaria, if finally they could jointly guarantee to Bulgaria the Thracian territories won

from Turkey in the first war and lost in the second, promise the possession of the Enos-Midia frontier and Adrianople, Bulgaria would gain more than she could ever hope to acquire through German patronage.

Noel Buxton, the most noted of British Bulgariaophiles, was selected as the British representative in the following negotiations. How dangerous a representative he was may be gathered from the fact that both he and his brother were shot, but not killed, by a Turkish assassin while in Bulgaria. Details of the negotiations are mainly lacking, but the Evening Sun has been informed through private advice that Buxton insisted that for all the promises made she should have British guarantees, entirely refusing to accept any Russian assurance.

Apparently, this British guarantee has been given, and the Bulgarian pledge of neutrality, announced both in London and Sofia, represents the most considerable triumph of allied diplomacy since Italy affirmed her neutrality in 1914, followed by declarations of war by Greece and Rumania. It will be one more step in what seems to be the inevitable march of events toward German defeat.

For Rumania the war holds out instant profit. Transylvania, just across the mountains from her own territory, holds 1,000,000 Rumanians in a population of 2,000,000.

In Bukovina, also, Transylvania, there are at least 800,000 Rumanians in a population of nearly 1,000,000. Russia, now holding Bukovina, has steadily offered it as a reward for Rumanian enlistment. Thus, a territory of 5,000 square miles, last as large as New York State, with 3,000,000 people, would fall to Rumania, who could easily afford to return to Bulgaria her Dobruja districts. Such an increase would make Rumania a state with more than 10,000,000 inhabitants, mainly Rumanians, and an area of more than 75,000 square miles.

How Greece Would Gain. Greece, for her part, would be assured of her possession of the Aegean Islands, still claimed by Turkey. She would certainly be permitted to hold Northern Epirus, surrendered after the Balkan war because of Italian opposition, reoccupied now with Italy's consent, since Italy has established herself in Albania. But, above all else, she would be permanently freed from the menace of Austro-German ambitions which have always planned to descend the Vardar Valley and make Serbia the Austro-German gateway to the near east.

Rumanian military strength is justly respected by all European experts. In the second Balkan war it did no real fighting, but it demonstrated efficiency and leadership in its rapid occupation of Northern Bulgaria. The Hohenzollern King Charles had always cared for his army and its fighting qualities were demonstrated at Plevna, when it defeated the Russian army. Not less than 80,000 trained troops could take the field promptly.

Greek armies proved their worth at Yemide-Vardar and Kilina in the two Balkan wars. Trained by French officers, they wholly atoned for the ignominious defeats of the previous war with Turkey, and King Constantine showed himself a commander of very great ability. Greece could be depended upon to put 250,000 veterans, trained to battle and used to victory, into the field to support their old Serbian allies of 1913.

Austria herself has confessed the failure of her Serbian campaign and drawn off the mass of her troops to save her Hungarian frontiers.

If to 250,000 victorious Serbs there are now joined 750,000 Greeks and Rumanians, it is unmistakable that the whole Austrian campaign east of the Carpathians will have to be abandoned and Austria's armies recalled to defend Budapest and Vienna from the south, will leave Germany to face Russia on the east and France, England and Belgium on the west single-handed.

Italy Must Be Drawn In. Moreover, if allied victory were thus assured, and her share in Austrian spoils in danger if she stood aside, could be longer held back.

It is always true that today's news from London, if it correctly forecasts Bulgarian neutrality and Greek and Rumanian enlistment, is the most interesting that has come since the report of German defeat at the Marne.

Hanotaux Says Japan by Sending Troops Could 'Play a Part' PARIS, Dec. 22.

ABRIEL HANOTAUX, foreign minister, addressed in the Figaro today what appears to be the prevailing view in France concerning the proposal that Japan send an army to the battlefield of Europe.

Hanotaux takes the view that even though Japan should send no more than 250,000 men, a force which would hardly be large to exert a decisive influence, she would always consider, in the event of a victory for the allies, that she had played an important part in settling the war.

Although M. Hanotaux makes no allusion to the United States, it may be stated that the American viewpoint has been taken into consideration by the Government.

dropped 11 bombs, doing considerable damage. They then returned in safety.

Dr. Percy Carroll Recovering. Dr. Percy Carroll, a member of the city hospital staff of internecine, was said today to be recovering satisfactorily from an operation for appendicitis, prescribed by himself and performed by Dr. W. E. Leighton yesterday after Dr. Carroll had diagnosed his own ailment.

German Driven Back Across Own Frontier Are Agitated. The heavy German column, which has been driven across the East Prussian frontier from Mlaw, Russian Poland, by the Russians, is spreading out to the eastward, according to reports received here from the front. The purpose of the German movement is to debouch to the right of the entrenched Masur Lake position and to reinforce the troops in the vicinity of Thorn for protection against the continued Russian advance on the Thorn-Allenstein-Interburg Railroad, which is the main strategic line paralleling the North Poland frontier.

The Russian successes here not only threaten the right of the German Masur Lake position, but also threaten the left wing of the army operating before Warsaw.

DOCTOR'S BLOOD FOR PATIENT. Flat of Fluid Is Transferred in Effort.

A pint of blood was transfused from the arm of Dr. D. C. Bosserman of the city hospital staff into that of Anton Farwig of 3817 California avenue this morning. The transfusion of the blood was regarded as the only chance for the near east.

Dr. Bosserman informed Farwig's relatives unless some healthy blood was transfused into his body he would die. None of the relatives would volunteer to furnish the blood. Dr. Bosserman said that rather than see the patient die from lack of blood he would give it all he could spare. Tests were made, and it was decided that the blood was strong and healthy, and that as his blood was shown by tests to be pure, he could give a pint without suffering any loss of strength. It will be several days before the result to the patient will be definitely noted. Dr. Bosserman suffered no ill effects.

ROCK ISLAND STOCK SOLD AT AUCTION FOR \$7,135,300

Sale Regarded in Wall Street as Step in Pending Reorganization of System.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Ownership of a railroad, represented by millions of dollars worth of stock, was auctioned off today by the New York County Court House. The old stock of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co. was put up at foreclosure sale and was bid in for \$7,135,300 without competition by James N. Wadsworth, president of the protective committee for the 4 per cent collateral trust bonds of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Co., against which the stock was collateral. The foreclosure action was brought by the Central Trust Co. of New York against the railroad company for interest due on bonds valued at \$71,353,000.

The price realized for the stock was \$10 a share. The par value is \$100. The sale was regarded in Wall Street as another step in the pending reorganization of the Rock Island system.

Jailer Is Choked to Death. BEVELL, Tex., Dec. 22.—Harry Hinton, jailer and deputy sheriff of Jay County, was choked to death Sunday night by two Mexican prisoners to whom he had given food. The body was not discovered until yesterday. The prisoners escaped.

Mortgage Tax Fee Is \$500,000. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A mortgage for \$100,000 given by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway to the Central Trust Co. of New York was filed in the County Clerk's office here yesterday. The tax fee was \$500,000.

Lime and Tuberculosis. Dr. Roberts Bartholow, former professor in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and widely famed as a medical writer, says in the eighth edition of his authoritative Materia Medica (1899), on page 115 and 116:

"Clinical experience has shown that it (referring to a calcium salt) possesses the ill-defined property known as alterative, removes certain toxic or morbid materials and secures their secretion by the organs of elimination."

The writer who has lately been published in respect to its curative powers in consumption is certainly very striking.

Of course, he does not refer to the many published reports of results obtained through the use of Eckman's Alternative, since the medical profession makes it a rule never publicly to reveal proprietary remedies. However, there is a large accumulation of such testimony, covering many cases of consumption and other chronic and curable ailments, which seem to have yielded completely to this remedy.

It is due largely to the fact that in Eckman's Alternative a calcium chloride is combined with other valuable ingredients, the easily assimilated by the average person, it contains neither opium, nor habit-forming drugs; it is safe to use in any case, and it will not only cure, but it will prevent.

It is sold by the Philadelphia, sold by Wolf-Wilson Drug Co., Judge & Deleh Co., 3 stores, in St. Louis.

GIRL WHO SINGS BUT WON'T TALK PUZZLES DOCTORS

Matilda Texier Ceased Speaking After Being in Hospital for a Knee Operation.

For more than six months Matilda Texier, 18 years old, of 433 South Thirty-eighth street, has not spoken, although apparently able to do so. Her father, John Texier, a prosperous commission merchant, after having retained several physicians and given his daughter a seven months' course of treatment in St. John's Hospital, has appealed to the Post-Dispatch to make public the story of the girl's strange illness. The father hopes that some reader may know of a similar case and how it may be cured.

Texier and his wife came to Missouri from Germany 25 years ago. They have two sons, one of whom is now a Sergeant in the German army, who has written several times asking about his sister's condition. Matilda is their only daughter. They own their home and Mr. and Mrs. Texier state that, although they have spent over \$100 in an effort to restore their daughter to health, they are willing to do anything to restore her speech.

One feature of the girl's illness which has puzzled physicians who have attended her is that at times she will sing some of her school-day songs with excellent intonation. Her hearing does not appear to be impaired. She follows directions given her, reads a great deal, sews, works about the house and enjoys going to theaters, but she will not or cannot talk.

How Illness Began. The story of the girl's illness, as told by the father and mother, is to the effect that until about three and one-half years ago, Matilda was a normal child, cheerful, obedient and well liked in the home, standing well in her classes at the Lyon School, Vermont and Keokuk avenues.

When she was 12 years old she began to take lessons upon the piano. Shortly after she was 14 years old she began complaining of pain in her right knee. This became worse and a physician said the girl had inflammatory rheumatism.

Finally the girl was sent to a hospital, where she remained seven months. During this time she was operated upon for her knee trouble, and the knee was placed in a cast and afterward in a steel brace.

Upon her return home the girl was able to walk, but appeared greatly depressed and unwilling to enter into conversation. Her father says, it was almost necessary to force her to say a few words.

The girl's unwillingness to speak became more and more pronounced, and in the early part of this year she also began to lose weight. Her father thought that possibly it might trouble her to walk, although she seemed to walk easily, her father bought her a horse and phaeton. She evidently enjoyed driving, but, continued to maintain absolute silence.

Breaks Into Song. This silence broke one day about six months ago by her sudden singing of a school song that was being sung by a group of girls passing the house. Since that time she has frequently sung some of her old songs. Her parents became encouraged and urged her to play upon the piano. She would obediently take her place there, but could not be made to play.

With a reporter called at the house yesterday she was helping her mother with the housework. When her father told her that she was to have her photograph taken she at once looked down at her dress and when her mother told her to get some other clothing she went at once. She quickly followed the instruction spoken by the photographer and after her photograph was taken she sat down by a window and began reading a newspaper.

"That's what makes me so mad," said the father, "she used to read the newspapers to me when I was busy and we enjoyed talking over the events of the day. Now she reads as much as ever, but not one word will she say. I cannot believe she is hopelessly ill. She is our only daughter and if anyone can really tell me what can be done for her I will see that it is done at once."

"It came so quickly I cannot understand," added her mother. "She was always a mother's girl. She helped me so much and was so happy."

THAT JAR OF MUSTEROLE ON THE BATH-ROOM SHELF Has Relieved Pain for Every One in the Family

When little Susie had the croup; when Johnny got his feet wet and caught cold; when Father sprained his knee; when Granny's rheumatism bothered her—

That jar of MUSTEROLE was right there to give relief and comfort. MUSTEROLE is a clean, white ointment, made with oil of mustard. It will not blister like a mustard plaster.

Quick relief for Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Tonsillitis, Croup, Stiff Neck, Asthma, Neuritis, Headache, Constipation, Pileitis, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Pains and Aches of the Back or Joints, Sprains, Sore Muscles, Bruises, Chills, Frosted Feet, Colds on the Chest (it often prevents Pneumonia). Nothing like MUSTEROLE for croupy children.

At your druggist's, in 25c and 50c jars, and a special large hospital size for \$2.50.

Be sure you get the genuine MUSTEROLE. Refuse imitations—get what you are after. The Musterole Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Girl Apparently Able to Speak but Who Will Not



MISS MATILDA TEXIER.

\$100 A MONTH FOREVER IN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GIFT

Anonymous Donor Provides Money to Be Used in Institution's Country Department.

An anonymous donor has placed with the trustees of the St. Louis Children's Hospital a sufficient sum of money to provide its country department (Ridge Farm) about \$100 per month perpetually.

The new buildings at Ridge Farm will be opened whenever the managers obtain at least one-half the support needed for one year. For the first year \$50 per day will be needed to take care of 25 children. After that it is hoped that the capacity, 50 children, may be accepted, when the expense will be \$50 per day.

The Christmas entertainment for the children now under the supervision of the hospital outside of the wards were held in the dispensary corridor at 4 p. m. Thursday. Trees were provided for the sick children in the various wards of the new hospital at 50, South King's highway.

The formal opening of the St. Louis Children's Hospital in its new buildings will be held on Jan. 9, at 3 p. m., when the public can see the new hospital in operation.

Strange Mental Malady. He said he had diagnosed the case as dementia praecox of the catatonic type. This form, he says, often becomes manifest in young persons without any seeming cause and strikes down careers that seem to have brilliant promise. In this particular case, he said, the girl had undoubtedly stood well in her studies up to the time she became ill with what he diagnosed as a tubercular knee. This, he said, probably indicated some inherent weakness. He said he had the girl's knee operated upon by two surgeons and the trouble had been corrected, but he had observed indications of mental trouble, which, he believed could not be stopped.

Dr. H. E. Livingston of 3400 Mercantile street attended the girl for about one year until early this summer. He said that he had advised the parents that in all probability the girl could be restored to speech, but that she must follow his treatment. Instead, he says, they became so worried that they consulted with religious teachers and so many other persons as to make systematic treatment impossible.

He said he believed the girl was suffering from nervous trouble and was doubtful if her trouble is dementia. He expressed great interest in the opinion of Dr. Unterberg, but said that as he no longer has a case he would not express a definite opinion.

NONUNION FORCE RETIRES FROM SCHOOL BUILDING Contractor Calls Out Besieged Men When Open Conflict Seems About Ready to Start

The nonunion plumbing force, which was driven yesterday from its entrenched position in the new Grover Cleveland High School in Carondelet, withdrew this morning, although having been reinforced, and "retired" upon positions previously selected, namely, the downtown office of the employer, A. J. Gallagher, plumbing contractor.

The retreat took place at 10:30 a. m., after orders by telephone had been received from Gallagher. Before that time eight of the nonunion men, a larger force of union men and four policemen had been in front of the building, waiting for the doors to open. The nonunion plumbers had been insisting that they would enter when the others did, the union men had said they should not, and the police had hoped they would be able to handle the situation. Private detectives were also on hand.

Emil Meyers, who had stood siege in the building since Friday, and James Gallagher, who had been with him since Sunday, were forcibly ejected from the school building by the union men yesterday afternoon. They demanded the arrest of their assailants, and the police seized six men headed by William C. Micher, a contractor. In the Wyoming Street Police Court this morning the cases were laid over until tomorrow. They are charged with disturbing the peace.

The removal of the nonunion men was the signal for the resumption of work by union men, who had refused to work beside nonunion men on the school job.

Girl, 18, Takes Mercury Tablets. Nellie Rodene, 18 years old, was taken to the city hospital from 7th Channel avenue yesterday evening after she had swallowed two mercury tablets, following a quarrel with a man.

Piles Cured in 9 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if Piles Ointment fails to cure itching, bleeding or protruding piles. Its application gives relief.

ENGLAND SOON TO SEND 500,000 MEN TO FRANCE

Lloyd-George Tells French Paper Britain's War Bill Is \$225,000,000 a Month.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch and New York World.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Paris telegraphs an interview from L'Humanite, which Jean Longueux, a Socialist Deputy for Paris, had with Lloyd-George, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the war and the efforts Great Britain is making.

Lloyd-George at the outset expressed the opinion that the French people do not realize fully the effort that is being made by England for the common cause of the allies. He said:

"Do you know, firstly, that Great Britain is expending as much, or more, I believe, at the present, as France in the war, notwithstanding the relative smallness of her first military force dispatched to Flanders? Do you know that our monthly expenditure for the army and navy is at present \$25,000,000?"

"But," observed Deputy Longueux to the Chancellor, "how is your enormous contribution to be explained, even taking into account the cost of your formidable fleet, as well as your rich, that your army at the front represents scarcely one-sixth of ours?"

"In reality," exclaimed Lloyd-George, "England has at present put more than 2,000,000 of her sailors and soldiers under arms. Certainly we had to a large extent, to improvise this vast army, and this is the strongest proof of the pacific good will we will maintain until the very last."

"And fine soldiers, they are, too. They all are the pick of the nation, the best and bravest of all classes of society. Intellectuals, as well as workers, rich as well as poor, the elite of our trade unions, as well as our most brilliant scholars of Oxford and Cambridge, the bench and bar as well as the shop, the factory as well as the club, have equipped in four months these hundreds of thousands of vigorous young men from 21 to 26 years of age with whom my colleague, Lord Kitchener, has formed his new army. You know that my two sons have enlisted as well as Mr. Asquith's sons."

"Before the spring 500,000 new soldiers, superbly magnificently trained and full of enthusiasm, will join those, who, side by side with the valiant sons of the French democracy, are struggling at the present time from the Yser to Belfort to bring about an end of Prussian militarism and establish the liberty of Europe and that of Germany herself. And this will continue until the end—until victory."

Dry Dock Appropriation Cut Off. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A House Naval Affairs subcommittee agreed to leave out of the coming naval appropriation bill the proposed sum of \$1,000,000 for a dry dock, for the location of which Philadelphia and Norfolk have been contending. The bill is said to include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for aeronautics.

Garrick Theater Today All This Week MOTION PICTURES OF THE Great War

These are the first and only MOTION PICTURES of the war to be shown in America. They show real battles and burning of cities.

Under the Auspices OF THE Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund

Turn to Page 6 and Read Our ANNOUNCEMENT This Evening

Briggs-Vanderwood-Bairner OLIVE AND LOCUST FROM NINTH TO TENTH

HOUSE DEBATES PROHIBITION; VOTE ASSURED TONIGHT

Crowds Pack the Galleries for Eight Hours of Argument on Hobson Resolution to Submit the Abolition of Liquor Traffic to a Vote of the States.

LOBBIES FOR BOTH SIDES ARE ACTIVE

Underwood Speaks Against Dry Amendment, Saying It Would Cost Government \$325,000,000 in Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Under a special rule, which was adopted without a rollcall, the House began just after noon today an eight-hour debate on the Hobson resolution to submit to the states a constitutional amendment for national prohibition. An aye and no vote on the resolution will be reached tonight.

The vote on the special rule was a rolling chorus of "aye." The debate which followed was one of the most interesting if not the most spectacular of recent years. The passage of the rule, which was conceded by those opposing the Hobson resolution, many of whom voted for the rule to get the resolution out to a vote, was preceded by a statement by Democratic Leader Underwood and scattering debate on both sides. Underwood made it clear that the Democratic leadership in the House was in favor of meeting the issue with a vote.

Hobson Demands Passage.
"This is not a temperance question," said he. "It never has been. Prohibition has not produced temperance in the lands where it has been tried. I regard this question as an attack on the fundamental principles of our Government. If it is allowed to go without being met it will mislead many of the people. It allowed to proceed without being met, the day may come when it may be a serious menace to the principles of Government which you and I believe in."

The debate on the rule has been a running desultory fire, but with consideration of the resolution itself the real heavy artillery was unleashed. Representative Hobson, author of the prohibition resolution, led off with a dramatic demand for its passage. He declared a state had a right to be "dry," that the liquor business was an "interstate nuisance," and that there had never been a serious conflict between Federal and state laws for protection of the morals of the people. He portrayed the devastating effect of liquor, "a habit-forming drug whose shackled victims," he said, today numbered 5,000,000.

Representative Hobson referred to the graphic charts portraying the evils of the liquor traffic and, after speaking only 10 minutes, began to yield time to other members who spoke in support of his resolution. Representative Connolly supported the amendment, declaring prohibition should be a success in Kansas, and Representative Morgan of Oklahoma also supported it, referring to prohibition in his State. Representatives Decker, Tribble, Langley, Logue and Bell (California) made brief speeches in favor of the amendment. Representative Ferriss of Oklahoma made a vigorous plea for it.

Points to Loss in Revenue.
Representative Underwood, then speaking on the resolution directly, opposed it. "We are here today," he said, "to consider a proposal as to whether certain police regulations should be turned over to the Federal Government instead of being allowed to remain in the Government of various states, where the founders of the nation placed them."

Underwood declared that the principle of national prohibition "was the very principle which our forefathers fought; the same principle of centralization that destroyed the ancient republics of Greece and Rome."

"In an idle hour," he continued, "there has grown up in this republic a faction which, clothed in the white robe of temperance—would tear down the fabric of this Government and remove the foundation stones of our national existence."

He declared prohibition would cost \$325,000,000 in lost revenue.
"Boot-legging, they say, is the greatest evil of the liquor traffic," he added. "In prohibition Georgia there were 800 cases of bootlegging last year; in non-prohibition Alabama, only 30. Prohibition does not prohibit."

Rucker Speaks for Drys.
Representative Adamson of Georgia declared that, as "between the barrooms and damnation, and prohibition and salvation, I stand with the drys." He offered an amendment designed to conserve state regulation.

Representative Rucker of Missouri also speaking for the amendment, declared Underwood, while mentioning loss of revenue, failed to tell of the millions lost by the drink habit to homes and firesides and the loss of happiness and prosperity.

"Quit this degeneration of mankind," he shouted.

Representative Garrett of Texas declared that even as an ardent supporter of state's rights, he was willing to give up the right to the manufacture and sale of liquor.

The session began two hours earlier than usual, in order that the question might be brought to a final vote today, and the galleries were well filled from the beginning. Lobbies for both the prohibition and liquor forces were active both before and during the debate, the dry element being represented by

Mrs. Fels Devotedly Carrying on Her Husband's Fight for Single Tax, Says Marguerite Martyn

Life Consecrated to Solving the Problem of Poverty



MRS. JOSEPH FELS PHOTOGRAPHED IN HER LONDON HOME.
Mrs. Joseph Fels, Widow of the Noted Single Tax Advocate, Seated at Her Desk.

derymen and others, who importuned House members in the corridors and even pointed out to them the danger of their defeat at the next election if they did not support the resolution. The opponents of the measure were equally active, but they worked less openly.

Prohibition Charts Shown.
Charts before the Speaker's desk bore prohibition slogans, and draped along the gallery over the Speaker's chair was a great strip of paper on which were pasted printed names of signers of prohibition petitions urging the adoption of the constitutional amendment. There were thousands of names and the strip was 150 feet long.

Those opposing the Hobson resolution are confident it will be defeated. Its supporters are not enthusiastic in their predictions of victory.

A two-thirds majority was necessary to pass the special rule to take a vote on the resolution, and another two-thirds majority will be needed to pass the resolution itself. Should it succeed in the House it would go to the Senate, where it approved there it then would have to be ratified by two-thirds of the states to become a law.

Some noted Southern educators and preachers are among the lobbyists for the Hobson resolution. President W. L. Poter of Lake Forest College, the leading Baptist institution of North Carolina, is urging Southern members to vote for the measure. The Rev. James Cannon, known widely in the South as a champion of prohibition, was in the hallway between Speaker Clark's room and the House, calling on members of the House to advise them what to do.

The Rev. Sam Small of Texas has been seeing Congressmen. W. D. Upshaw, editor of the Golden Age of Atlanta, known in the South as "Earnest Willie," is on hand to keep Georgians in line for prohibition. Dr. A. A. Beck, president of the National Anti-Saloon League, is here directing his lieutenants.

Warned of Constituents' Views.
President Poter of North Carolina reminded Representative Small of his State that the people of Small's district were for prohibition, and desired him to vote for the Hobson proposition. Small responded that he would face his people on the issue.

Clayton Robinson of Georgia is among those working against the Hobson resolution. The suffragists are studiously avoiding the Capitol until the liquor question is out of the way, for they do not wish to appear to be on either side in the controversy.

Bill to License Warehouses on Way to Conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Lever bill providing for Federal licensing of cotton and grain warehouses was today on its way to conference of the Senate and House. The measure, if substituted for a Senate bill which would have applied only to cotton warehouses, passed the House late yesterday after being discussed by a vote of 213 to 97. The measure has the approval of the administration.

Debate on the immigration bill pending in the Senate was continued today with indications that action on the measure would be deferred until after the holidays. Senator Lewis of Illinois announced that he would introduce an amendment to eliminate from the bill the proposed literacy test for aliens. President Wilson is opposed to the literacy test on the ground that it is not a fair test for one seeking admission to American shores. Sponsors of the measure assert that to strike out the literacy test provision would cause the defeat of the bill because no substitute method of restriction has been agreed upon.

Railroad Enjoined From Carrying Liquor to West Virginia.
MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Judge George C. Sturgis, in the Circuit Court today, issued injunctions restraining the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the Wells Fargo Express Co. from delivering intoxicating liquor in West Virginia from outside the State. The decision is based on the Webb-Kenyon Federal act and the West State-wide prohibition law.

'DER TAG,' BARRIE WAR PLAY, STIRS LONDON AUDIENCE

Government Officials Witness Drama Which Was Published in Post-Dispatch.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—"Der Tag" ("The Day"), the play by Sir James M. Barrie which was cabled to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and printed by it last Sunday, was produced at the Coliseum yesterday. Two performances were given, and the play captured the unbroken attention of huge audiences. Among those present were Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George, the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Reading), the Attorney-General (Sir John Simon), Sir Squire and Lady Bancroft and Sir John Hare.

Sir James Barrie was not present. When the curtain fell on the first performance at the end of the 18 minutes occupied by the piece, persistent applause and calls for the author were not silenced until Irene Vanbrugh, who took the role of the spirit of Culture, made three appearances on the stage and promised to tell the author of the enthusiastic reception accorded his work. Besides Miss Vanbrugh, the cast included Norma McKinnel, in the role of Emperor William; Brougham as the Chancellor and Francis Duguid as Officer.

Carrying out Sir James Barrie's intention, Messrs. McKinnel and Brougham were not made up like the persons they represented.

Miss Vanbrugh, in flowing white robes, spoke Barrie's appeal for civilization with simple dignity. McKinnel put the full measure of the author's corroding irony into the portrayal of the Emperor, playing the role with much impressiveness.

The Daily Chronicle's critic, after pointing out that "Der Tag" in less grave times might have failed to run the gauntlet of the dramatic censorship, says: "The play is a tract which puts into symbolic form the thoughts and anger of hundreds of thousands of men and women all the world over."

The Daily News critic says: "The play is quite unpretentious and it is sincere, and the occasion that brought it forth is so momentous that criticism would be out of place. If not a great masterpiece, it has a fine moment, and is in no way unworthy of his subject."

She did not raise her voice, yet spoke with passionate emphasis at times as she detailed her convictions in the single tax theory.

"We are concerned with the root of the problem of poverty," she said. "We hold to the belief that at the beginning God created the earth and lands in just proportion to the people who should live off to them. Not even the State has the right to collect and hoard the rents thereof. It was all divinely ordained and now we are engaged in carefully, thoughtfully, unraveling the tangle man has made of things."

Single Tax Argument.
"The value society gives to the lands should be participated in by society. Enough revenue is to be derived from just taxation to support the State and the inevitable improvements taxation of land values would induce, would provide every individual with a livelihood."

"Instead of this, we see the values society creates go into private pockets. Society stands by and sees itself robbed. More than that, as individuals we permit taxes levied upon our incomes, our bank accounts, our household furniture, our industries, labors and actual earnings."

"We permit our private properties and productions to be invaded so that those few persons already in possession of the lands may sit back and grow rich or speculate and grow rich. Tax the land, take the taxes off improvements, force landlords to quit holding empty land for the profit that comes of other people coming to live around it."

Farmer and Single Tax.
"Does it mean," I asked, "that if I have a modest home, desiring only to live modestly and a rich neighbor chooses to build up and improve the other side of the street, that I am to pay the higher tax or pull up root and branch and move?"

"There you take a chance case and seek to make a rule of it," she exclaimed, in her melting, aggrieved tone. "Well, does it mean that the farmer with his unimproved acres should pay the same tax for the same sized piece of land as the city owner of improved property?"

"Mr. Reedy," she called out—for over in another corner of the room the editor was spreading the faith to other callers. At the distressed note in Mrs. Fels' voice he joined us.

"I explained it all so nicely to her, and still she asks that question!"

Single Tax Amendment.
I was trying to console myself with the thought that I am not the only stupid person in the world when it comes to the subject of single tax.

"Then why did so many farmers refuse to vote for the single tax amendment laboring under that delusion?" I asked.

"Because the farmers are fools and refuse to be enlightened," responded Mr. Reedy. "A farmer is a fool or he wouldn't be a farmer," he added hotly. This was irrelevant and threatening to single tax arguments. But Mr. Reedy is to be excused, an individual and personal prejudice against farming and farmers. His now famous failure to make farming and journalism mix has no bearing upon his single-tax convictions, of course.

What we know of the mode of expression.

LAW WOULD DRIVE OUT PROFESSIONAL BANK PROMOTERS

State Committee Meets Here to Frame Act to Prevent Wild-cat Schemes.

The State committee appointed to suggest to the Legislature advisable changes in the Missouri banking laws this morning at the Planters Hotel considered a number of suggestions, among them being plans to drive the professional bank promoter out of business and to change the law to prevent a new institution, such as the Bankers' Trust Co., now defunct, from owning a string of banks.

Members of the committee have taken the view that the banking business is injured by such institutions as the Bankers' Trust Co., which owned the stock of many banks, borrowed money from them and hypothecated their stock, as well as the stock of the parent companies with them. The Bankers' Trust is in the hands of receivers.

The professional promoter is also objectionable to the bankers. It was pointed out that there may be one or two banks in a small community doing a fairly good business. A promoter enters the field and organizes a new bank, taking for his services a certain percentage of money for stock sold, and it then develops there is no field for the new bank. Sometimes banks are organized by promoters merely for the purpose of selling to the new bank the fixtures, members said.

Address on Rural Credits.
Edwin Chamberlain, a banker of San Antonio, who investigated rural credits in Europe for the American Bankers Association, was present at the meeting and talked on rural credits. To reporters he expressed the opinion that the Federal reserve act would not relieve the need of money by farmers.

He said the banks presently would continue to invest their money in short time loans and would not favor investment in long time farm loans.

Other changes in the Missouri banking laws under consideration by the commission are:

To start a bank, public notice should be required, giving the names of those interested, the amount of the proposed capital, and giving the State Bank Commissioner an opportunity to investigate the character of those interested.

To provide for making bank charters perpetual, or providing means for a new bank to take over the business of the old bank when its charter expires.

To require each director in a bank of less than \$25,000 capital to own and pledge at least four shares, and in banks of more than that size at least 10 shares unpledged.

New Borrowing Limit.
To limit the amount one person can

The Day in Congress

SENATE.
After brief transaction of routine business, went into an executive session.

A proposal to rescind the recent ratification of the London safety-at-sea convention was beaten.

Senator Works introduced a bill to appropriate \$400,000 for an aviation corps training station at San Diego Bay.

Senator Lodge introduced a bill to annul contract labor law provisions which might prevent Belgians taking up American farm lands or immigrating with the intention of becoming citizens.

Hearings were continued on the water power site land leasing bill.

Senator Pomerene introduced a bill authorizing the Governor of Ohio to give unserviceable clothing of the National Guard to destitute striking miners.

The National Forest Conservation Commission asked that its work be extended until 1920 at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year.

Adjourned at 1:35 o'clock to noon Wednesday.

HOUSE.
After passing a rule for consideration of the Hobson resolution for a constitutional amendment for national prohibition proceeded to eight hours' debate with prospects of an aye and no vote tonight.

borrow to less than the present limit of 25 per cent of the capital and surplus. To specify how profits should be calculated in paying dividends.

To require greater detail in the records of banks, and to require all records to be retained for at least six years.

To require at least every few years a report of unclaimed deposits, unpaid interest and unpaid dividends.

To make more clear the law as to payment of deposits to minors and joint accounts.

To authorize State banks to have safe deposit departments.

To place trust companies under the same general restrictions regarding banking as banks are under.

LAKE SHORE MERGES WITH NEW YORK CENTRAL TODAY

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22.—Merger of the Lake Shore Railroad Co. with the New York Central Railway was completed here today at a meeting of Lake Shore stockholders. Stockholders of the New York Central voted for the consolidation July 20. The merger involves \$300,000,000.

Opposition to the merger developed over a week ago when Clarence B. Venable of Potsdam, head of the General Investment Co. of Maine and holder of five shares of Lake Shore stock, sought to enjoin it, alleging it would violate the Sherman anti-trust law. He also asked for a receiver to operate the Nickel Plate, Big Four, Lake Erie, Ohio Central and Indiana Southern on a competitive basis.

Judge Stevens yesterday refused the injunction, removing the last barrier to the consolidation.

15 MORE PERSONS HURT BY FALLS ON ICE; TOTAL IS 54

Limbs Fractured; Faces and Scalps Cut; Man Is Hit by a Sled and Injured.

A number of persons were hurt by falling on ice-coated sidewalks and streets, last night, and this morning. Up to last night 39 had been reported to the police. The latest reported as hurt are:

Adolph Praiffer, 42, 166 North Sixth street, fractured right arm.

John Brown, 52, 2532 St. Louis avenue, lacerated forehead.

Martin Reilly, 52, 617 Market street, dislocated hip.

George Roeder, 51, 344 Connecticut street, cut about face.

Mrs. Amelia Blair, 42, 3836 Franklin avenue, fractured right wrist.

Mrs. Mary Henshaw, 56, 2341 Dickson street, broken right wrist.

Robert Walton Jr., 4022 McPherson avenue, left eye hurt.

Henry Stickfort, 36, 137 Poplar street, right arm fractured.

August Demme, 44, 734 South Seventh street, scalp wound.

Samuel Blake, 55, 108 South Seventh street, contusions over right eye.

Eugene Finnegan, 34, 949 Manchester road, lacerated nose.

James Duan, 66, Gratiot station, left arm fractured.

William Flannery, 38, 235 Franklin avenue, left leg broken.

Charles Sardige, 57, 210 Lucas avenue, contusions on forehead.

Jacob Nickles, 6366 Missouri avenue, injury to back.

John Riesing, 16, 2808 Marine avenue, struck by sled and injured.

U. S. Lieutenant Resigns; Expected to Join British

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 22.—Word was received here today from Washington that the resignation of Lieut. Stanley Wood, Seventh Infantry, had been accepted by the War Department.

Lieut. Wood sent his resignation from New Orleans, where he was visiting Capt. W. O. Smith, Quartermaster Corps, about two weeks ago. Since then he has not been heard from and his friends here believe that he has gone to Canada or England to join the British army, as he had announced his intention of doing so before sending in his resignation.

"Lieut. Wood is an experienced aviator, and with the experience and training he has had he undoubtedly can obtain a higher rank in the British army," said J. G. Hannah, in whose company Wood was second lieutenant.

Tonight's the Night!

All the Dancing Clubs and Dancers of St. Louis Meet Tonight at

DREAMLAND

TO DANCE FOR MEDALS

Gold Medals for One-Step
Gold Medals for Waltz

THE RECEIPTS GO TO THE

Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund

Winner Will Be the Champion Dancer of St. Louis, 1914.

GOVERNOR MAJOR,

Who Is One of the Judges,

Will Be There With His Brilliant Staff of Colonels
The Other Judges Are

Louis Hilfer, President of the Liederkrantz Club;
Henry Giesenbier, President of the Federation
of Dancing Clubs; Jacob Mahler, the Dean of St.
Louis Dancing Instructors; Mrs. James H. Platt,
who was Ann Drew; Mrs. F. D. Gardner; Mrs.
G. A. Buder, Mrs. William Dee Becker, Park Com-
missioner Dwight Davis and Herbert Cost.

DANCING FOR EVERYBODY!

This is going to be the great democratic Dancing Festival of St. Louis—the last and biggest
affair before Christmas. Roger Gray and Louise Allen, the Park and Shenandoah Theater
favorites, will have a part in the program.

Admission 50 Cents
Which Includes Dancing

Nothing Sold Inside the House A Good Time, a Good Crowd

Tonight's the Night!

Turn to Page 7 and Read Our
ANNOUNCEMENT
This Evening

Kippen's

Garland's FURS FOR GIFTS

Never have we quoted such a low price on Furs of fashion and quality. Matched Sets and Individual Pieces at radical reductions. Make selections quickly now for gifts.

STARTING WITH THE BETTER FURS: here are a few illustrations:

\$150 Imported Model Hudson Seal and Fox Set.....	\$98.00
\$95.00 Natural Lynx Set.....	\$37.50
\$55.00 Hudson Seal and Leopard Sets.....	\$39.50
\$39.50 Genuine Mink Muffs.....	\$27.50
\$29.50 German Fitch Throws.....	\$15.50
\$65.00 and \$75.00 Finest Fitch Muffs.....	\$47.50

Odd Collars

Small lots almost given away. Suitable gifts for many—but choose early.
\$5.00 to \$7.00 Collars, \$1.00 | \$7.50 to \$15.00 Collars, \$1.98
Various shapes and sizes, all perfect.

SPECIAL

\$4 and \$5 Children's Fur Sets

100 fine Sets for the girls up to 12 years; brook mink, black, brown and gray coney; new styles, good linings and pretty ornaments; all other children's, misses' and women's furs reduced accordingly. BUY NOW.

Choice,
\$2.98

GIFT BLOUSES

Easy gift choosing from our wonderful selections. Over 2000 beautiful new Blouses, specially priced and arranged for quick service Wednesday.

\$1.00



New combination crepe de chine and lace Blouses at \$1.00.
20 styles in charming crepe de chine silk Blouses at \$1.98.
50 styles in fine lace and silk Blouses at \$2.98.
Elegant crepe georgette and lace Blouses at \$3.98.
Exclusive models in Street and Dinner Blouses, 2 specially priced groups at \$4.95 and \$10.00.

Picture shows one of the combination Blouses, crepe de chine and lace, in flesh, maize, putty and white, in this sale at **\$1.00**

THOMAS W. GARLAND 409-11-13 Broadway

2000 Pairs Men's Slippers Must Be Sold in Two Days

HERE is a chance to buy Christmas Gifts for men—something that they will appreciate and utilize every evening of the year—Slippers—greatest variety—all styles, leathers and colors at notable reductions.

Men's \$1.35 Slippers

EVERETT and Opera Slippers—of black and tan leather—fine quality—all priced in this great two-day sale **98c**

Men's \$1.75 Slippers

ALL styles—Romeo, Opera and Everett; made of soft kid, in black and tan—all priced in this great two-day sale at **\$1.33**

Men's \$1.98 Slippers

THE very newest styles—Opera, Romeo and Everett—of fine quality—black and tan—on sale at pair **\$1.48**



SHOE MART
"THE PLACE TO BUY SHOES"
507 Washington Ave.

NEW FIGHT FOR THAW'S LIBERTY IN NEW YORK LIKELY

State's Contention That He Was
Sane Enough to Be Guilty of
Crime to Be Used.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 22.—Harry K. Thaw soon will make another fight to establish his sanity, in the opinion of several acquaintances. The opportunity, they confidently expect, will be afforded when Thaw is returned to New York State to answer the indictment charging conspiracy to escape from the insane asylum at Matteawan.

The plans of the fugitive's counsel are closely guarded, but it was intimated today that the efforts of the New York authorities to prove Thaw was competent to commit an illegal act might be forced by the defense to a point where the evidence could be used to prove that he was absolutely sane.

Thaw, it was said, was constantly in touch with his chief counsel, former Secretary of State Philander C. Knox, who was at his country home at Valley Forge, Pa., today. Thaw's secretary intimated that Mr. Knox might come to Manchester.

It was also suggested that a further move to delay the execution of the order of the United States Supreme Court for the removal of Thaw to New York was within the range of possibility.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—Discouraged over the decision of the United States Supreme Court in which Harry Thaw is ordered returned to New York to be tried on a conspiracy charge, former Gov. William A. Stone, Thaw's principal attorney, said today: "This is the end, for there is no appeal. I can hardly believe it."

Thaw's mother, Mrs. William Thaw, who has spent a fortune in an effort to free him since he killed Stanford White on a New York roof garden, refused to be disheartened and declared that the fight in her son's behalf would go on. She called him on the long-distance telephone at Manchester, N. H., and conferred with him after hearing the Supreme Court decision.

"I, along with others interested in the case, expected a different decision," former Gov. Stone said. "I saw Thaw about a month ago and he was just as sane and rational as any man I know—just as sane as he could be. It is a shame that he has to go back to Matteawan, because he is no more insane than I am."

Asked whether the order directing that Thaw be returned to New York and tried on the charge of conspiracy would not ultimately act in favor of the prisoner, in that it would help prove the contention that he was sane, Stone said he could not answer offhand.

STRANDED TUG HARMLESS

Contractors Say Boat Near Granite City Holds No Dynamite.

The "dynamite tugboat" which a morning newspaper today described as "a hull in grave peril," blew up today, but the "explosion" did not make a sound. Instead it consisted of the simple announcement by the Fruin-Colson Contracting Co. that there never was a stick of dynamite on the stranded tugboat.

Last Thursday, when the tugboat started up the river to the new intake tower at the Chain of Rocks, some newspapers announced the tug was loaded with dynamite to be used in breaking up the steamboat Maestri, which sank when it hit the Coffeyman of the intake tower last summer. The contractors, however, merely had sent the tug up there, intending to have it tow to the shore a number of barges. The tug stranded on a sandbar near Granite City. Its crew left it at will, going ashore in shifts. The barges, buffeted by ice floes, have been placed in safe positions.

PAROLED DIPLOMAT KILLS POSTAL SHERIFF

West Virginia Peace Surrounds
Armed Man Who Also
Wounded Two

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Matt Jarrell, who is alleged to have shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Elias F. Nance and wounded Frank Ratcliff and Josephine Wines last night at Ekdale, on Cabin Creek, while Nance was trying to arrest him, was this morning surrounded in the mountains near Cane Fork by Sheriff Bonner Hill and a posse, who had trailed him all night. He is believed to be well armed.

Parrell, who was serving a six months' sentence for "pistol toting," was released recently on parole.

SID: Tell me you'll buy the diamond ring and credit at Leftis Bros. & Co., 24 floor, 808 N. 6th st., and we'll be married Christmas.

Falls Dead at Father Dempsey's Hotel

Edwin Brennan, 55 years old, a laborer born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, fell dead at 7:30 a. m. today in the restaurant of Father Dempsey's Workmen's Hotel, 1111 North Seventh street. He had been in bad health for some time. Father Dempsey says Brennan has relatives in the city, and he is anxious to hear from them.

Alleged Night Riders Arrested

MARICOPA, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Fifty alleged members of night rider organizations of Love County have been arrested in the last three days, it was announced by the authorities here yesterday. It is alleged the organizations sought to hold cotton to 10 cents a pound, outwitted to \$15 a ton and to cut next year's cotton acreage to 50 per cent of last year's.

Stove, Range and Furnace Repairs

A. B. Brauer Supply Co., 215 N. 2d st.

Arrested for Carrying Revolver.
James Maskovich, a laborer, 26 years old, of 1321 North Twentieth street, was arrested last night at Nineteenth and Locust streets for carrying a loaded revolver.

GIRL CONFRONTED BY ROBBER AS SHE READS OF "GIANT"

Katherine Lambert, 19 years old, of 1921 Franklin avenue, was reading a fairy tale to her 3-year-old friend, Giesela Rusevich, in the branch office of the Grafman Dairy Co., 2022 Franklin avenue, shortly before 8 o'clock last evening.

It was Miss Lambert's task to keep the office open until 8, and as there were no customers just then, she and little Giesela were deep in a thrilling story.

"And just then," she read, "the giant appeared, brandishing a great club. He said to the children: 'Be still, I will kill you.'"

And just then the door opened, and a man entered, carrying not a giant's club, but a robber's revolver. "Be still," he told the young woman and the child.

The little girl ran and hid in a corner, and Miss Lambert sat still and watched the man as he hung up 30 cents on the cash register and took \$4 from the till, leaving the loose change, some 90 cents, half of which was scattered on the floor.

Miss Lambert told the police afterward that the man had his sweater collar turned up about his chin, and that his hat brim was over his eyes, so that she could not see his face well.

GIRL WHO TELLS OF ROBBERY IN OFFICE



MISS KATHERINE LAMBERT.

NEW ENGLANDERS BANQUET

More Than 100 Attend Annual Affair

The annual dinner of the New England Society at the Washington Hotel last night was attended by 115 members and guests. Mrs. Emma Crocker of Fitchburg, Mass., told of modern educational methods in New England. She said the country schools were devoting greater attention to practical education of boys and girls, and that as a result many of the abandoned farms had been restored to productivity.

Samuel W. McCall of Boston talked on the high standard of citizenship of colonial times, and of the spirit of the early settlers. Philip N. Moore was toastmaster.

Busy Bee Candles for Christmas.
No Candles like Busy Bee Candles.

SUES WABASH FOR \$15,000

Theodore Ruenpohl Alleges False Arrest on Robbery Charge.

Theodore Ruenpohl of Ferguson, a former saloon keeper, filed suit today for \$15,000 for false arrest against E. B. Pryor as receiver for the Wabash Railroad.

The suit follows the discharge of Ruenpohl by Justice L. P. Matthews upon a charge of receiving \$35 in goods stolen from the railroad's freight cars. He was one of 21 persons recently arrested charged with being concerned in the robbery or disposal of goods from freight cars. The affidavit upon which Pryor was arrested was sworn to by D. L. Sharp, a special agent for the railroad.

No Christmas Dinner will be complete without Italian Swiss Colony Golden State

Extra Dry
California Champagne

Awarded the "Grand Prix" at
Turin, Italy, October, 1911, and
at Ghent, Belgium, July, 1913

DAVID NICHOLSON GROCER CO., Distributor, St. Louis

Who Is the Best Dancer in St. Louis?
See the Answer at Dreamland Tonight

Schaper Bros.

Entire Block
Washington Ave.
St. Charles Eighth and Ninth Streets.

Gift Goods Cut to Half Price for Wednesday's Selling

25c Silk Hose A special lot of Women's; silk, doubly spliced throughout. Splice Floor..... 12c	50c Combination Sets Including Tie, Pin and Scarf, all to match; extra special..... 25c	Menschaum Pipes A Vienna Meerschaum Pipe in curved or straight stem; 30 dozen in this lot (Main Floor)..... 49c	75c Long Kimonos Of serpentine crepe, also flannel; dark and light colorings. Special..... 55c	\$2.50 Crapes de Chine Waists Long sleeves; collar, cuffs and front neatly hemstitched; all sizes; white and flesh only; special..... \$1.35
50c Silk Hose Women's 50c Silk Hose, double soles, high heels, black and colors. Special..... 29c	Men's 25c Cotton Hose In black and colors; mercerized with double soles and high spliced heels; 85c value (Main Floor)..... 9c	Boys' \$4.00 Overcoats Made of grey chinchilla, plaid lining, military collar, full belt. Special (Second Floor)..... \$1.98	75c Fancy White Aprons Of sheerest lawns, linens and dimities; lace and ribbon trimmed. Specially priced at (Second Floor)..... 49c	\$4 Girls' Cloth Coats Kersey mixtures, velvet trimmed collar and cuffs; close fitting. Collars, cuffs, pockets, backed; sizes 6 to 14 (Third Floor)..... \$1.65
\$3.50 Fur Caps Men's \$3.50 Fur Caps; good lining; pull-down style (Main Floor)..... \$1.85	Flannellette Nightshirts Men's 50c Outing Flannel Nightshirts; ass. stripes of pink, white and blue (Main Floor)..... 25c	Men's \$3.50 Blue Serge Pants Made of all-wool navy blue serge; belt loops, flap over pocket, side buckle straps; sizes up to 44 (Second Floor)..... \$2.50	\$1.00 Cluny Centerpiece 18-inch Round Center Piece, with cluny lace edge; assorted patterns (Second Floor)..... 69c	\$1.50 Girls' Worn Dresses In large plaid; stripes and plain colors; long waisted styles, trimmed with pink and white; sizes 6 to 14 (Third Floor)..... 75c
\$1.00 Children's Slippers Children's felt trimmed Slippers in red and brown leather sole (Main Floor)..... 49c	\$1.00 Misses' Sweaters In gray, navy and maroon. We will sell 20 dozen (Main Floor). Price..... 25c	85c Flannel Shirts Men's 85c Flannel Shirts; full cut, best sizes. Extra Special (Main Floor)..... 35c	\$1.00 Children's White Dresses Of fine white lawn, waist trimmed with emb. and lace, skirt of emb. flouncing; sizes 3 to 6 years (Second Floor)..... 45c	Women's \$2.00 Jersey Silk Vests In pink, white and blue; one in a holly box. Special (Main Floor)..... 98c
Women's \$3 Shoes 300 pair of Women's \$3.00 and \$2.50 Shoes; large toes, patent cloth tops; kid tops, gummed soles; also gray and fawn tops (Main Floor)..... \$1.55	100 Piece Dinner Set for 98c Cut Glass, 100 pieces, 25c each..... 25c	50c Jointed Dolls, 98c 75c Toy Tea Set; 50c..... 50c	\$1.75 Rope Portieres Made of heavy velvet chenille cord, both red and green, for single or small folding doors; Tuesday at less than half price (Fourth Floor)..... 33c	\$1.75 Rope Portieres Made of high-grade velvet chenille cord; very heavy, in red and green (Fourth Floor)..... 87c

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Xmas Rug Bargains
Doubtless the values we offer in high-grade Rugs for Wednesday are unequalled. You should buy one.

\$1.00 Axminster
12x18 Axminster, with silk design, very beautiful; special at \$1.00 (Fourth Floor)..... **\$1.00**

\$1.00 Mosaic
12x18 Mosaic, with silk design, very beautiful; special at \$1.00 (Fourth Floor)..... **\$1.00**

\$1.00 Velvet
12x18 Velvet, with silk design, very beautiful; special at \$1.00 (Fourth Floor)..... **\$1.00**

\$1.00 Silk
12x18 Silk, with silk design, very beautiful; special at \$1.00 (Fourth Floor)..... **\$1.00**

25c Broadway's Knit Mufflers All sizes, colors and styles; wool and mercerized; for men, women and children..... 10c	50c Women's Bored Hats 2 in a box; corner embroidered and lace trimmed; beautiful for Xmas presents..... 15c	10c Lined Linen-finish Pillowcases cases; assorted sizes..... 10c	25c Children's Box Hats Pure Linen initial and colored border Handkerchiefs; 3 in gift box; box 12c (Main Floor, Aisle 2)..... 12c	Solid Gold La Vallieres Exquisite in design, perfect workmanship; a fine as \$3.95 to gift from friends (Main Floor, Jewelry Dept.)
\$5.00 Marabo Cape Made of beautiful rich luster Marabou, in black and natural, with chenille tassels; (Main Floor, Aisle 6) for..... \$2.25	\$2.00 Ladies' and Gents' Collar and Cuff Box Handsome gift; in black leather; collar and cuff box; exquisitely silk-lined in colors. Drawer for jewelry; gilt trimmings; can also be used for Handkerchief box; always useful (Main Fl., Aisle 6)..... 98c	8-in. Floral and Dresden Ribbons, 30c These Ribbons are 8 inches wide, in light grograin floral and broadcloth designs; excellent for sashes, girdles; also fancy work; reg. 80c value..... 39c	Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 75c All linen, hand-embroidered initial, 4-inch hem; 6 in box; something that makes a nice gift (Main Floor, Aisle 5) Wednesday special..... 75c	A Reduction of 33 1/3% for Wednesday \$12 Sterling Silver Toilet Set (four pieces)..... \$7.98 \$20 Sterling Silver Manicuring Set, comb, brush and mirror in velvet box..... \$5.98 \$12 Sterling Silver Toilet Set; 11 pieces in velvet box..... \$7.98 \$10 Sterling Silver Hair Receiver and Powder Jar..... 98c \$5.00 Sterling Silver Toilet Set, comb and brush in velvet box..... \$3.98

\$5000 Worth Wheel Toys Received Too Late Prices Cut 1/2

\$10.00 Rubber Tire Automobile

Large size Automobile with octagon hood, 3/4-inch rubber tires; very strong and all-steel frame; adjustable body painted red; special Wednesday..... **\$4.98**

\$8.00 Rubber-Tire Hand Car

Large size Hand-Car, 3/4-inch rubber tires, all-steel frame, board; very strong and all-steel; easy to push; special Wednesday..... **\$2.98**

\$1.50 Shoofly

Large size Shoofly; bent back and bent shape; easy to push; special Wednesday..... **79c**

10c Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs
Ladies' All-Linen Handkerchiefs; script initials; Wednesday in Basement..... **5c**

50c Combination Sets
Men's Suspender and Garter Sets; in colors to match; Basement..... **25c**

\$1 Aviation Caps
Ladies' and Children's Aviation Caps; in combination colors; white 15 dozen of a regular \$1 value last..... **25c**

4c Outing
Dark, plain, wool finish Outing in dark blue, red, brown and light brown; fine for children's rompers and boy's waists; Basement; per yard..... **4c**

\$4 Wool Blankets, \$2.19
These Blankets come in gray, tan, white, with beautiful pink, blue or black borders; our best 4 Blankets; we are heavily overstocked with this particular Blanket, due to a late shipment, and are on our hands; as a special..... **\$2.19**

\$1.75 Men's Shoes, \$1
Men's Work Shoes in black and tan; in best calf and mule skin; Blucher and straight lace; Basement..... **\$1**

\$2 Indian Chief Suits
Boys' Indian Chief Suits; our regular \$2 quality; sizes 4 to 12; Basement, Wednesday..... **98c**

10c Jap Silk
Jap Silk in all the most wanted shades; fine for dress waists and scarves; positively worth 10c a yard; as a special (Basement), per yard..... **10c**

\$2 and \$3 Messing and Chiffon Waists
Women's and Misses' Messing and Chiffon Waists; nicely made; in assorted colors and sizes; regular \$2 and \$3 value; Basement, Wednesday..... **79c**

\$2 Children's Fur Sets
Children's Fur Sets; and Ermine Fur Sets; sizes 4 to 12; Basement, Wednesday..... **88c**

STOCKTON LABOR FIGHT ENDS

Unions Terminate Boycott; Employers Renew Closed Shops.

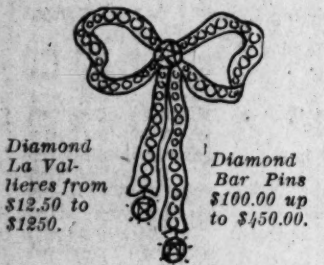
STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 22.—Labor troubles here between the unions and the Merchants, Manufacturers and Employers' Association terminated last night, leaving everything where it was July 3, when the trouble started.

The unions agreed to stop picketing and boycotting. The association agreed to withdraw in writing a letter they wrote to the unions, abolishing the closed shop. Wages and hours are to be as formerly. For the settlement of future differences an arbitration board is provided.



The Store for Diamonds

THE exceptional purity and quality of the gems—the exquisite mountings—the unusually low prices—will commend themselves to all who see this superb showing of Diamond Jewelry. We invite your inspection and comparison.



Diamond Rings. We are especially featuring a solitaire Diamond Ring—Tiffany setting—pure white brilliant-cut Diamond at \$27.50. Others up to \$1000.

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409 N. Sixth St.
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DRESS UP FOR
XMAS
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**\$100 DOWN
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FOR MEN, WOMEN
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OPEN EVENINGS TILL 9 O'CLOCK

**STAR CREDIT
CLOTHING CO.**

713 WASHINGTON AVE.
OVER CONRAD'S GROCERY

ARMY AVIATOR
GAVE LIFE TO
SAVE CAPTAIN

Tried to Swim to Shore, Knowing Machine Would Not Support Two.

OCEANSIDE, Cal., Dec. 22.—Lieut. F. J. Gerstner, observer in one of the six United States army aeroplanes that started yesterday on a flight from San Diego to Los Angeles and was drowned in the sea 10 miles north of here, sacrificed his life to save Capt. L. R. Miller, pilot of the machine.

When the machine was wrecked and fell into the sea, with the two men, Lieut. Gerstner realized that the wreckage would not support both men and he tried to swim to shore, more than half a mile away. He sank after covering half the distance.

Capt. Patterson, another army aviator, whose machine had been wrecked ashore near where Lieut. Gerstner was drowned, rescued Capt. Miller.

Four of the six machines that entered the flight were brought to earth near here. The other machine reached Los Angeles in safety. Stormy weather and bad air conditions were held responsible for the accidents.

The aeroplanes were to have made the flight back from Los Angeles today to report the number and disposition of troops maneuvering in the vicinity of San Diego. The contest was for a trophy.

Lieut. Gerstner Was Fifteenth Army Aviator to Lose Life.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Lieut. F. J. Gerstner, killed yesterday at Oceanside, was the fifteenth aviator to give his life in the interest of Government aviation.

Since Lieut. Selfridge fell to his death at Fort Myer, Va., in 1908, testing the first aeroplane for the army, 14 army officers, two naval officers and two civilian instructors make up the toll.

ED: Come on over to Loftis Bros., 24 floor, 805 N. 6th st., and buy my Christmas gift—a diamond ring, on easy credit terms.

TWO-POUND BABY DIES

City Hospital Physicians Unable to Prolong Mite's Life.
Renard Bee, 2 days old, son of Harry and Grace Bee of 680 Delmar boulevard, died at the city hospital yesterday afternoon, in spite of physicians' efforts to save and nourish the mite of humanity, which started life weighing only 2 pounds and 3 ounces, and only 13 inches in length.

The infant was not placed in an incubator, the hospital having no such apparatus, but it was kept in a room with a temperature of 98 degrees, and received such special attention as the hospital was equipped to give. Artificial respiration was employed in keeping the infant alive for a time and nourishment was given from a medicine dropper.

CHILD BURNED BY MATCHES
Mother Also Injured in Putting Out the Flames.
Cora O'Donnell, 2½ years old, daughter of John and Minnie O'Donnell, of 726 South Sixth street, was badly burned on the body and legs this morning, as a result of playing with matches. Her mother, who entered the kitchen and found the child's clothing on fire, was burned in putting out the blaze.

Both mother and child were sent to the city hospital, the child being in a critical condition. The father is receiving clerk for a large milling establishment.

Big Battleship Sails.
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Rivadavia, one of the world's greatest battleships, built in this country for the Argentine republic, left this port last night for a destination which was not definitely known, but which was unofficially reported to be Buenos Aires.

The Advantage of Early Shopping Is a Great One

Tomorrow morning, until 11 o'clock we will give away

Absolutely Free
To every woman who visits this store

Two Tickets for the Hippodrome

Now Playing
Loew's Vaudeville

Tickets will be good for any performance Wednesday or Thursday, Dec. 23 and 24.

Ask a formman or at any Exchange Desk on any floor for tickets.

Tickets will be given only to women and none but women may redeem them at the theater.



TO INDUCE EARLY SHOPPING

No mail or phone orders filled on these, as quantities are limited and may not last longer than 11 O'clock

\$1 Suspender Sets
Fancy elastic lisle webbing suspenders, with 18-k. gold-plated trimmings—can be engraved—and a pair of Satin Pad Garters to match—each set in box—at

Men's \$2.25 Sweaters
Men's Jersey Sweaters—all wool—in navy, maroon and gray—plain shades only—size 34 to 40-inch chest

Boys' 50c Sleepers
Made of pink and blue flannel, with 11-k. no mail or phone orders, and until 11 o'clock only—at

\$6-\$7.50 Leather Bags
Traveling Bags—made of select cowhide leather, covered frame—kind-finished leather lining—sizes 16, 17 and 18 inches—choice, at

\$3 Kid Gloves
16-button-length Kid Gloves, in white and black—all sizes—no mail or phone orders—until 11 o'clock only—at, pair

\$3 to \$4 Kimonos
Flannelette Kimonos, Empire style, large silk collar and cuffs, floral pattern. Regular \$3 and \$4 Kimonos, at

\$1.25 Toilet Set
Toilet Set, consisting of white imitation ivory Hairbrush, Comb and Mirror. Until 11 o'clock, at

50c Underwear
Women's fine ribbed, fleece lined vests, low neck, elbow sleeves. Pants knee or ankle length to match. Until 11 o'clock—garment, at

Boys' 50c Underwear
Boys' fine ribbed wool shirts and drawers—in natural color. Until 11 o'clock, at

\$1.50 Traveling Slippers
Women's Traveling Slippers of fancy colored silk—neatly packed in case to match. Until 11 o'clock, at

\$1.50 Brass Desk Sets
Brass Desk Sets of six pieces, also leather-covered Desk Sets of four pieces. While a limited quantity lasts, or until 11 o'clock, at

White Poodle Dogs
These Dogs are exceptionally well made and nicely stuffed, with glass eyes, silk floss hair—large size. Until 11 o'clock, at

75c Corset Covers
Corset Covers made of nainsook, daintily trimmed with lace insertion, embroidery medallions and ribbon beading, in many different styles—until 11 o'clock, at

\$2.95 Silk Petticoats
Petticoats made with silk jersey top, ruffle or Roman striped messtaine, in all newest shades—until 11 o'clock, at

\$1.95

Last Minute Shoppers!
Easy to Select

Because of our wonderful stocks, and because of the inimitable manner in which the stocks are arranged.

Gloves Books Silk Hosiery
Player-Pianos Victrolas
Oriental Rugs Victor Records
Cedar Chests Table Runners
Girls' Dresses Middy Blouses
Furs Sweaters Slippers
Traveling Goods Opera Glasses

TOYS Reduced for Quick Just-Before-Xmas Choosing—Come Early

Everything for Santa Claus' pack—everything to fill the tiny stockings—and the tiny hearts with happiness—all priced for quick selling, so come and fill the pack in this great Xmas market-place of Toytown.

Mechanical Trains, 69c
Consisting of iron locomotive, steel tender, passenger car, and four pieces of circular track—special, at

Children's Desks
\$13.50 Desks, at \$9.95
\$5 Desks, at \$3.95
\$4.25 Desks, at \$3.25
Dolls' Chairs and Rockers
Usually 25c—at 15c
Usually 50c—at 39c
Usually 75c—at 59c
Usually \$1—at 69c

French Character Baby Dolls
Usually \$3—now \$2
Usually \$4.25—now \$3.15
Usually \$3.50—now \$2.45
Usually \$10—now \$7.50

Dolls' Trimmed Beds
25c Trimmed Beds, at 19c
50c Trimmed Beds, at 39c
\$1 Trimmed Beds, at 79c

Children's Sulkies, \$2.19
Strongly built and nicely finished, steel wheels, with rubber tires. Regularly \$3.25—at \$2.19
\$1.75 Sulkies, at \$1.19
\$2.25 Sulkies, at \$1.50
\$2.75 Sulkies, at \$1.95

Children's Tables
\$5.50 White Enamelled Tables, reduced to \$4.25
\$4.25 Tables, at \$3.25
\$2.50 Tables, at \$1.95
\$1.50 Tables, at \$1.10

Desk Sets
Of Desk and Chair \$5.50
\$7 Desk Sets, at \$4.75
\$5.75 Desk Sets, at \$4.95
\$6 Desk Sets, at \$5.95
\$5 Desk Sets, at \$3.95

Toy Horses
\$17 Skin-covered Horses, at \$12.50
\$16 Skin-covered Horses, at \$12
\$11.50 Skin-covered Horses, at \$9
\$10 Skin-covered Horses, at \$8

Doll Reed Go-Carts
\$15 usually—now \$10
\$11.75 usually—now \$8.95
\$17.50 usually—now \$12.25
\$14 usually—now \$11.50
\$16.75 usually—now \$12.75
\$6.75 usually—now \$5.25
\$6.00 usually—now \$4.75

Pool Tables
Usually \$4.25—at \$3.39
Usually \$7.50—at \$5.90
Usually \$9.50—at \$7.95
Usually \$16.50—at \$12.90 (Fifth Floor.)

Closing Out—

The curios, novelties and specimens of Indian Handiwork that were displayed in connection with the

Chippewa Indian Village

All prices have been reduced in order to effect a quick clearance.

Indian Bows and Arrows and Canoes that were 59c and 79c, now priced 10c, 29c and 39c

All other articles at similar reductions. (Second Floor, North Elevators.)

Framed Pictures for Gifts at \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5

Thousands of subjects to choose from at these special prices. And there are other reasons why you should make your selection from the Stix-Baer & Fuller Art Galleries—on account of the high standard of the Pictures and their artistic frames.

at \$1 An attractive collection of Pictures at this specially low price.

at \$2 Gift Pictures in a large variety of subjects.

at \$3 Imported Pictures, in most every grade of reproduction, and all remarkable values at this price.

at \$5 Etchings, French and English Prints, and modern reproductions of masterpieces and imported Photographures. (Fourth Floor.)

Japanese Gardens, Special, \$1

Miniature Gardens, consisting of one imported gold-banded Garden Tray, 11½ inches in diameter—one Farin House, two Trees, one Pagoda, one Lighthouse, two Figures on Bridge, two Ducks, one Frog, one package each of fast-growing Grass Seed, Cement, Sand and one Natural Umbrella Plant—sold regularly at \$1.75.

39c Powder Boxes, 27c
Also Hair Receivers—all of imported china—nicely decorated—choice, 27c each

75c Dresser Sets, 50c
Consisting of Tray, Powder Box, Hair Receiver and Toothpick Holder, of Nippon china.

75c Mayonnaise Sets, 55c
Consisting of Bowl, Plate and fancy Ladle, of thin, translucent china, with garlands of pretty pink roses—gold illuminated.

Cranberry Sets, \$1.65
Seven pieces—one large Bowl and six smaller Dishes to match—of imported china—very prettily decorated—regularly \$2.50.

Chocolate Sets, \$2.75
Tall Chocolate Pot and six Cups and six Saucers, of high-grade Japanese china, with beautiful border decoration—regularly \$3.50—set.

Gift Certificates On sale at all the Exchange Stations throughout the store. Issued for any amount, and the recipient can redeem them in any department of this store—at any time.

Pajamas Reduced
Splendid for gifts, especially these highest-class garments which can be purchased now at reduced prices.

\$5 Pajamas at \$2.95
Fancy silk-mixed, in various colors, and mixtures of silk and linen.

\$7.50 to \$10 Pajamas, \$4.95
Pure silk, Jap and babutai and corded silk madras, in solid colors, stripes and novelties. (Main Floor.)

Brass Desk Sets
Extreme reductions on about twenty Brass Desk Sets that have been used as samples—only one of a kind—some are slightly marred from display

\$5.98 Desk Sets at \$3.98
\$6.98 Desk Sets at \$4.50
\$7.98 Desk Sets at \$5.25
\$9.98 Desk Sets at \$6.75
Other Desk Sets up to \$35 reduced correspondingly. (Main Floor.)

TAKE A RECESS from your strenuous shopping tour at noon, and partake of the Luncheon, 50c

There will be music by Gene Rodemich and his orchestra.

Cream of Celery
(or) Chicken Broth in Cup
Radishes Gherkins
Broiled Baby Whitefish, Saratoga Potatoes
Half Fried Spring Chicken, Country Gravy, Risott Potatoes (or) Roast Young Pig, Apple Sauce, Fried Sweet Potatoes
Early June Peas in Cream, Salad in Season
Pumpkin Pie (or) Mince Pie (or) New York Ice Cream (or) Pineapple Ice (or)
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce
Cider Coffee Tea Milk (Sixth Floor.)

All Aboard for the "Xmas Candy Special"

Purity is the watchword here at Christmas time as well as during all the year, and these Candies are coming from our candy factory here on the premises—ton after ton—and fresh every hour.

Choice at 25c Pound—
Assorted Chocolates, in sixteen different flavors—nut and fruit cream centers. Packaged and wrapped in 1 to 5 lb. boxes.

Mixed Candies, consist of: bonbons, chocolates and caramels—1 to 5 lb. boxes.

Home-made Taffies and Nut Britties. Fruit Tablets. Lemon-Drops. Burnt Peanuts.

Sub-stations throughout the store, ready to serve you without long waiting. Fancy Baskets, Favors and Novelties at special Christmas prices. (Main Floor.)

For Boys—Sporting Goods!

Rugby Footballs, Special, 75c
Made of good grade pebble grain leather, complete with bladder, usually \$1, at 75c

Hockey Sticks, 25c to \$1
Made of kiln-dried ash—nicely finished

Ice Skates, 55c to \$4
Nicely finished, in nickel and polished steel—screw clamp style.

Sweater Coats, 55c
Men's and Youth's sweaters, in all the leading colors, V-neck, shawl and Byron collar styles. Regularly \$1.75 to \$3.

Boxing Gloves, \$2.50
Made of good grade, kid-finished leather, nicely padded. Twelve sets which sell regularly at \$3.50 to \$5—special at \$2.50

Last-Minute Suggestions for Late Shoppers
Jewelry—Silverware—Hair Ornaments

\$6.50 to \$12 Brooches, \$3.98
Real Garnet Brooch Pins, with cut garnets, very brilliant, in solid gold setting. Choice of twenty different designs at

\$1.50 Cuff Links, 98c
Solid Gold Cuff Links, filled post, fancy styles and strongly made, special, pair

\$3.75 La Vallieres, \$2.45
10-k. Gold La Vallieres, with fancy pendants in scroll or flower effect. Some set with semi-precious stones, others with Baroque pearl pendants. All on fine soldered link chains. Sixteen inches long.

\$1.50 Pearl Beads, \$1
French-filled Pearl Beads, with a fine and delicate luster. Each bead wax-filled and strung on linen, solid 10-k. gold clasp.

Toilet Sets, \$3.98
Quadruple-plated Toilet Sets—Brush, Comb and large Mirror, in fancy flower pattern—in neat-lined box.

\$24.75 to \$30 Trays, \$15
Sheffield Serving Trays, heavily silver-plated on nickel silver, with fancy applied borders, and large handles. Raised on feet, center hand-chased in fancy design, Sizes 21 to 27-inch.

Fancy Fans, Special, \$1.50
Fancy Spangled and Painted Gauze Fans, with bone sticks, hand-carved. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Jewel Boxes, 98c

Real Pina Morocco Jewel Boxes, velvet lined, lock and key.
\$1 to \$1.50 Combs, 50c

Fancy Back Combs, gold inlaid. Some set with French white stones. Many fancy effects. (Main Floor.)

Basement—Practical Gifts

Apron Gingham
Standard quality—small blue and white checked Apron Gingham—special at, yard, 5c

Crib Blankets (Boxed)
Baby Crib Blankets, of elder down, with pink and blue nursery designs—size 30x40 inches—each, 29c

Pillowcases of good quality cotton with scalloped and embroidered edge, 25c each.

Gloves
Kid Gloves, 69c
Women's Kid Gloves, in black, white and colors, 69c pr.

Walking Gloves, 59c
Women's heavy Cape Walking Gloves, in tan, 59c pr.

Cashmere Gloves, 50c
Women's silk-lined Cashmere Gloves—at 50c pair

Silk Gloves, 75c
Women's Silk Gloves—lined throughout, 75c pair

Gauntlet Gloves, 50c
Children's Gauntlet Gloves, in all sizes, 50c pair (Basement.)

Underwear
50c Vests or Pants, 29c
Women's fine ribbed, fleece lined cotton Vests—peeler color, low neck, elbow sleeves. Pants in ankle length to match. Regular and extra sizes, special, 29c garment

50c Union Suits, 39c
Women's Jersey ribbed, fleece lined cotton Union Suits—high neck, long sleeves—regular and extra sizes—special, 39c

Vests or Pants, 25c
Children's Velveteen heavy fleeced Vests and Pants—peeler color, all sizes, 25c garment (Basement.)

Gift Aprons
Dainty Aprons for everyone—fancy Little Tea Aprons, Charming Dish Aprons, Bib Aprons and many other styles.

39c, 50c Aprons, 25c
Aprons made of white lawn, dotted Swiss, trimmed with lace, embroidery and ribbon, in many attractive styles. Samples of 39c and 50c qualities.

Kimono Aprons, 49c
Kimono Aprons with waist line—made of percales and gingham—in all sizes.

Women's Mufflers, extra heavy quality, mercerized cotton, in white only. Regular 25c quality, 15c (Basement.)

3 O'Clock Special
\$60 yards of solid and striped, silk warp wool Shirting Flannels 75c quality, at 25c Yard (Basement.)

Extraordinary Offering of 7500 of Men's Finest, Pure Silk Knitted Neckwear

Regular 50c Quality at

23c

Five for \$1

This great collection represents the overproduction of Lord & Taylor, New York's noted makers of fine knit goods.

There are ten different designs in each of ten of the most popular shades, and each tie will be neatly packed in Holiday gift box if desired.

Knitted Neckwear has long since passed the stage of a fad; and is well established in favor with many men—so here is an opportunity to select suitable gifts at a very small price.

(Main Floor.)

Stix, Baer & Fuller D.G. Co. Grand Leader

Entire Block—Sixth, Washington, Seventh and Lucas

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stunt pulled off by any newspaper in the city.

Respectfully,
W. J. SCHERCK.

515 Walnut street.

We wish to congratulate you on your success in the past on this benevolent enterprise, and wish you success in the future.

With regards we are,

Yours very truly,

RAWLINGS MANUFACTURING CO.
C. H. Rawls, Secretary.

Hear with our slight contribution to your Christmas Fund, that is given with no stint of best wishes for the complete success of the big undertaking.

Respectfully,
MR. AND MRS. E. GANNAN AND DAUGHTER.

Enclosed please find check for \$1, the same being the donation of my little son 8 months old, who donated to your Christmas Fund when he was one day old.

Respectfully,
A. M. MUCHMORE.

For Arthur Kendall Muchmore.

I had \$1 for Christmas. I bought a small clock and gave it to my little son 8 months old, who donated to your Christmas Fund when he was one day old.

I would give it to the poor, for they need it more than I do. My son is 8 years.

Yours respectfully,
CLARENCE COFFMAN.

DEAR MRS. I wanted to give you a small clock and give it to my little son 8 months old, who donated to your Christmas Fund when he was one day old.

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CLARENCE COFFMAN.CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
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Previously reported \$4019.23

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Christmas Carol Candles Free

A GAIN tomorrow we will give Christmas Carol Candles to those desiring them and making application on our Second Floor.

Red Cross Seals are on sale, and please use as many of them as you can. The cause is most worthy.

We will wrap your packages and parcels so they'll be mailable, or acceptable to the express companies if you wish us to. No charge on articles purchased in the store.

Carry small parcels with you, please. You will be doing a great favor to our faithful delivery workers.

Gigents

Merchandise returned for Credit or Cash Refund MUST be accompanied by Original Sales Check.

Now—Two Days! Then Revillon Freres Fur Sale Is Over



B UT tomorrow and Thursday you have a good opportunity to choose beautiful Furs of international renown.

At 40% to 50% Under Price
The REVILLON FRERES Fur Sale
Ends When This Store Closes
Christmas Eve.

What a Chance for Givers of Rich Gifts!

Our own stocks go at the same scale of reductions as the Revillon Freres Fur Sale, too, until closing time Thursday. Please look at the prices for tomorrow.

These Popular Furs at Popular Prices

Coney Pillow Muffs at \$2.98
Coney Pillow Muffs at \$4.00
Kitt Coney Scarfs at \$4.50
Kitt Coney Muffs at \$6.50
Jap Mink Muffs at \$14.75
Jap Mink Muffs at \$19.75
Black Coney Scarfs at \$3.98
Black Coney Scarfs at \$2.50
Black Wolf Muffs at \$6.50
Pointed Wolf Sets at \$18.75
Pointed Wolf Sets at \$22.50
Black Coney Sets at \$12.50

And Here Are Some Finer

\$75.00 Mink Scarfs at \$50.00
\$135.00 Mink Scarfs at \$100.00
\$45.00 Hudson Seal Scarfs at \$32.50
\$42.50 Skunk Marten Scarfs at \$29.50
\$20.00 Isabella Fox Scarfs at \$10.00
\$140.00 Mink Muffs at \$98.50
\$95.00 Mink Muffs at \$79.50
\$85.00 Seal Coats at \$69.50
\$32.50 Beaver Scarfs at \$17.50
\$65.00 Pony Coats at \$50.00 (Second Floor)



Xmas Jewelry, Lifetime Gifts—

\$1.00 Vanties, mirror, powder holders, coin holder and space for cards and bills. 49c
Men's 50c, 75c gold-filled Jewelry; cuff links, scarf pins, tie clasps, come in Christmas boxes. 39c
\$1.00 and \$1.50 Boxed Jewelry; cuff links, la valieres, brooches, chains and other pieces. 79c
\$5.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50 fine Oriental Pearls; neck lengths; perfectly matched and graduated. \$4.39
\$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 solid gold Rings; signet and stone set. \$1.39
Babies' 50c solid gold Rings; signet and stone set. 35c
\$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.95 and \$5.00 gold-filled Bracelets; engraved cameo and stone set designs. \$2.29
\$1.25, \$1.50 Imported Beaded Bags. 65c
50c gold-filled Tie Clasps; many choice designs. 29c
\$3.75 and \$4.25 solid gold La Vallieres, set with semi-precious stones and pearls; soldered link neck-chains. \$2.98 (Main Floor)

Imported Bags Of Leather or Silk

MORE than giving you January prices on these fine Bags now.

Leathers, Silks and Velvets And many others. Some with fine gold-plated vanity fittings.

\$10 Bags, now at \$7.50
\$10 to \$12 Bags, now at \$8.50
\$15 to \$18 Bags, now at \$10.00
\$20 to \$25 Bags, now at \$12.00
Only one or two of a kind—our direct importation. (Main Floor)

Big Tables Full of Gifts In the China Store

S EVERAL hundred gift things, gathered from many corners of the china store, and put on tables for easy choice, at prices much less

Choice, 50c
Choice, 1.00
Choice, 2.00 (Main Floor)

75c and \$1 Imported Fern Pots
75c hand-painted Vases
75c China Smoking Sets
\$1.50 Imported Brass Ash Trays
\$1.25 Sugar Baskets
75c and \$1 Imported Silver
75c and \$1 fancy Plates
75c and \$1.50 Vases
75c Combs and Brushes
75c Cake Plates
\$1.50 and \$1.75 Salad Bowls
\$1.50 China Sets
\$1.50 Berry Sets
\$1.50 Fancy Teapots
\$1.50 and \$1.75 China Plates
\$1.25 Marmalade Jar
\$1.50 and \$1.75 China Sugar and Cream Sets
\$1.50 China Chocolate Sets
\$1.50 Celery Sets
\$1.50 and \$2.00 Cracker Jars
\$1.50 Marmalade Sets
\$3.00 China Tea Sets
\$3.00 China Coolers
\$3.00 China Sugar and Cream Sets
\$3.00 and \$4.00 Serving Trays
\$3.00 and \$4.00 Coffee Sets
\$3.00 hand-painted Cake Sets
\$3.00 and \$4.00 Imported Pottery Vases
\$4.00 and \$5.00 Imported Jardinieres

Gloves for Gifts You Could't Choose Better

Special! Women's Gloves We have just received 100 dozen Kid Gloves, which should have been here in September, but owing to the European war they did not arrive until last week. They come in black, white or colors and are extraordinarily priced at 50c

Men's Gloves: Cape and Mocha Gloves—leading brand, priced at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Children's Gloves: Specially priced this week. \$1.50 Trousers Kid Gloves, \$1.15, \$1.00 and \$2.00.

Glove Certificates! Made out for any amount. The recipient can present it at our Glove Department any time, make her own selection, and have them fitted to the hand. The most convenient and appreciative form of giving when you are not positive of the size, or wish to save time and yet make a most acceptable gift. (Main Floor)

We Promise Prompt Delivery

O UR delivery service is planned to meet every demand that is placed on it. Packages purchased here for Christmas gifts will be sent out in good time, and as promised. Depend on us for that.

Gift Certificates are for busy people to give to some one where there is uncertainty as to what is desired, or where the time cannot be spared to personally select what you wish to give. They are good at the store, any time.

The store in grand readiness to give prompt service in every way. Come early tomorrow if you can—but any time you can—come.

Now! You'll Buy Toys

A LL through the Toy Stocks we have made new, low prices, so that no child in St. Louis need be Toy-less when the Christmas bells ring.

Arttoy Building Blocks
60c Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$1.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$1.50 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$2.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$3.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$4.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$5.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$6.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$7.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$8.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$9.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c
\$10.00 Arttoy Building Blocks, 75c

Railroad Stations
\$6.00 Freight Station, 75c
\$1.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$1.50 Passenger Station, 75c
\$2.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$3.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$4.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$5.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$6.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$7.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$8.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$9.00 Passenger Station, 75c
\$10.00 Passenger Station, 75c

Engines
\$1.00 Steam Locomotive, 75c
\$2.50 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$5.00 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$7.50 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$10.00 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$12.50 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$15.00 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$17.50 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$20.00 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$22.50 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$25.00 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$27.50 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$30.00 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$32.50 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$35.00 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$37.50 Upright Steam Engine, 75c
\$40.00 Upright Steam Engine, 75c

Farrington to Head Illinois Miners.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 22.—Unofficial returns indicate that Frank Farrington of Streator has been elected president of the Illinois United Mine Workers of America by 700 votes over Adolph Germer of Mt. Olive. Dunca-

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will find here fresh, clean displays from which to select. Our large reserve stock and new goods being received daily have made this possible. Beauty, utility, and moderate prices are combined in the following examples:

Objets d'Art
Tiffany Pavile Glass
Candlesticks, \$18.00
Tiffany Gold Bronze
Compots, \$10.00
Tiffany Pavile Glass
and Bronze Vases, \$14.00
Picture Frames, gold
and old ivory, \$4.00
Sheffield Hors
d'Oeuvres, \$10.00
Mirrors, gold and old
ivory, \$5.00

Gift Furniture
Wood Waste Baskets,
Early English design,
\$5.00
Tea Wagons, in oak,
with removable glass
tray, \$9.75
Child's Windsor Arm-
chairs and Rockers, \$3.00
Sewing Cabinets and
Tables, all sizes and
kinds, \$11.00 to \$50.00

Dutch Silver
(Sterling)
Heavy Card Trays, \$5.00
Quaint designs and
patterns in Spoons,
\$1.00 to \$5.00
Hand Wrought Sugar
Tongs, \$3.00
Jewel and Stamp
Boxes, heavy design,
\$3.00 to \$10.00

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The Cowan Quality
Furniture has
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Cowan Furniture
is sold exclusively
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Louis, where you
will find a complete
line of the "Cowan"
products, each
piece bearing the
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Novelties
Genuine Russian ware
Nappies and Bon Bons,
\$3.65 to \$5.00
Leather-covered Port-
folios, \$3.50 and \$5
Mahogany Lam's, silk
shades, \$7.50
Dresden Candlesticks,
pair, \$19.00
Austrian Mantel Orna-
ments, \$6.75
Dinner Chimes, melo-
dious tone, \$10.00

Cowan Furniture
(Solid Mahogany,
Antique Finish.)
Muffin Stands, 3 tray
rests, \$5.00
Candlestick, with brass
candle cup, \$1.25
Tea Wagons, removable
glass tray in
top, \$18.00
Nest of 4 Tea Tables,
\$16.50

Visit our Drapery Department and see the novel Screens, Sofa Cushions, Table Runners and Tapestry Panels. These make exceptionally suitable Gifts.

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TWO STORES

Women Who Seek An Exceptional Opportunity to Buy Serviceable Christmas Gifts at 1/4 Real Value Should Come to This Great Sale of

Milford's \$100,000 Bankrupt Stock

at 25% on the Dollar

BY ORDER OF THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT



CHRISTMAS FURS at BANKRUPT PRICES

\$10 Coney Sets at \$4.98

\$15 Coney Sets at \$6.90

\$20 Red Fox Sets at \$9.90

Winter Coats and Suits at 25c on the Dollar

Choice of the season's most favored styles, colors and fabrics. Just brought from our storeroom.

\$3.90	\$5.90	\$7.90
for \$10.00	for \$15.00	for \$20.00
Values	Values	Values

THE GREATEST MONEY-SAVING EVENT OF THE YEAR

\$7.50 Mannish Serge	\$8.50 Serge	\$2.98	\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
SKIRTS	Dresses	WAISTS	
In Newest Styles, all Wanted Effects.	\$10.00 Velvet		
Bankrupt Price,	Dresses		
\$2.98	\$15.00 Charmeuse		
	Dresses		
	\$20.00 Street and Evening Dresses		
	\$25.00 Street and Evening Dresses		

716 WASHINGTON AVENUE

SALOON KEEPER IS LOCKED IN ICEBOX BY 2 HOLDUP MEN

Two young men entered the saloon of John A. Baciagallo, 230 Washington avenue, at 6:15 o'clock today and by the manner in which they acted as they ordered drinks aroused the suspicion of the proprietor. "But they're a couple of stick-up men," said he to himself, transferring his revolver from the back of the bar to his coat pocket. "I didn't like their looks."

His prophecy was fulfilled a few minutes later when the pair returned and, with leveled revolvers, ordered him to throw up his hands. They acted so quickly that Baciagallo did not have time to draw his weapon.

"We saw you stick your gun in your pocket," said one of them as they began searching his pockets. After taking the saloon man's revolver, gold watch and chain and \$40 they placed him in the icebox and locked the door. Five minutes later the baker delivering bread at the saloon liberated the shivering saloon man.

Robber Hits on Head With Bottle
A long-nosed man walked up to the bar in the saloon at 400 South Third street at 8:30 o'clock last night and, after taking a drink, ordered the bartender and five patrons to retreat to a room at the rear. He backed up his command with a revolver and the six men lost no time in complying.

Louis Weisman, the bartender, was the last to retreat, and as he passed the robber the latter took \$10 from his pocket. Then he walked behind the bar and took \$10.75. Before leaving he looked in at his prisoners and told them he would shoot the man that dared to follow him.

Weisman ran through a back door, intending to go to his room upstairs and summon his brother, Harry Weisman, proprietor of the saloon, but he was headed off by the robber, who had run through a hallway and was making for the backyard fence.

Poking Weisman in the ribs with his revolver the robber ordered him back into the saloon and as they entered Gus Rogers, one of the customers, who was hiding behind the door, struck the robber on the head with a beer bottle. The latter fled a shot into the ceiling and, followed by his six victims, they chased him to Third street and Clark avenue, where he disappeared.

CHRISTMAS is only a "merry hike" away. Hurry up and buy your Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry on credit at Lott's Iron & Co. 211 North 3rd St. Open evening.

Orange bouquet for Xmas day. Order at Mullany's Florists, 7th and Locust, 3520 N. Grand.

Society

THE Charity Dance Carnival tonight at Dreamland for the benefit of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund will be one of the most interesting affairs of the Christmas season.

There will be a dancing contest to decide who is—or are—the best dancers in St. Louis and gold medals will be given for the one-step and the waltz. There will be several turns by actors who are playing here this week—a fine floor, good music and "everybody in town" will be there.

The judges will be Gov. Elliott W. Major, who will be there with his staff, Park Commissioner Dwight F. Davis, who has danced for charity so many times himself and is one of the best dancers in the city; Mrs. James H. Platt, who was formerly Miss Ann Drew and who has danced too often at charity affairs to need any introduction; Mrs. William Dee Becker, who was the first to dance the Merry Widow Waltz here; Herbert Cost, whose dancing is remarkable for its grace; Mrs. Frederick D. Gardner, one of the best exponents of modern dancing; Henry C. Giessebler Jr., president of the Federation of Dancing Clubs; Louis Hilfer of the Liederkreis Club; Mrs. G. A. Jander, one of the best dancers of the Century Boat Club set and Jacob Mahler, senior dancing master of St. Louis.

A number of young matrons will be patronesses. They are Meses. David R. Calhoun, Herbert W. Cost, Charles Cummings Collins, Leo Fuller, Eugene H. Angert, George T. Tansey, Harry B. Hawes, Leo de Smet Carton, Samuel D. Capen, Charles Parsons Pettus, Joseph Pulitzer Jr., Ephron Catlin Jr., Joseph H. Nathan and Henry S. Priest.

MRS. AND MRS. HENRY L. CORNET of 4550 Berlin avenue will introduce their daughter, Miss Lucile Cornet, this evening at a dance, which they will give at the Woman's Club.

In the receiving line will be the hosts and their daughter, and assisting will be Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton Farish, Mr. and Mrs. James Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Zelbig and Miss Virginia Cornet.

There will be about 150 guests, who will include some of the young married set and the debutantes of the season.

Gov. and Mrs. Elliott W. Major will give a reception in the Executive Mansion in Jefferson City, Jan. 2, at 8 o'clock, in honor of the officers of the National Guard of Missouri.

Col. and Mrs. Frederick D. Gardner will take a party from St. Louis for the affair, and Miss Marian Bond, one of the debutantes of the season, and her parents, Judge and Mrs. Henry W. Bond, will take with them several girls.

Who's the best dancer in St. Louis? see the question decided tonight at Dreamland.

Miss Florence Marvin arrived Saturday from the Visitation Convent, "Elfindale," Springfield, O., to spend the holidays with her cousin, Miss Grace Reynolds of 711 Goodfellow avenue. She will return to complete her studies Jan. 6.

French Mixed candies, 15c, 2 lbs. 25c, at Olympia, 718 Franklin.

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You are welcome at all times to come in and look around. You are invited to view our magnificent collections of gift wares and to see how very reasonably they are priced. Come in at any time—our courteous salesmen will be glad to show you through the store and answer any questions.

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Brass Ink Stands—Antique brass finish—a useful gift for the home or office. Only \$2.75

Candlesticks—Of genuine mahogany, can be placed on either side of mahogany mantel clock to make clock set. Each \$1.25

6 Cut Glass Tumblers—Rich American cut glass, extra heavy; very special value at per set of 6 \$2.50

Sugar and Cream Sets—Rich cut glass mounted with sterling silver—very beautiful gifts for the housekeeper; set of sugar bowl and cream pitcher complete \$3.00

Solid Alcohol Burners—For use in chafing dishes and percolators; heavy nickel plate alcohol in solid form 75 cts.

Coffee Percolators—In nickel and copper with patent regulating alcohol lamps. Such celebrated makes as Universal, Manning-Bowman, and Stermat are included. Only \$5.00

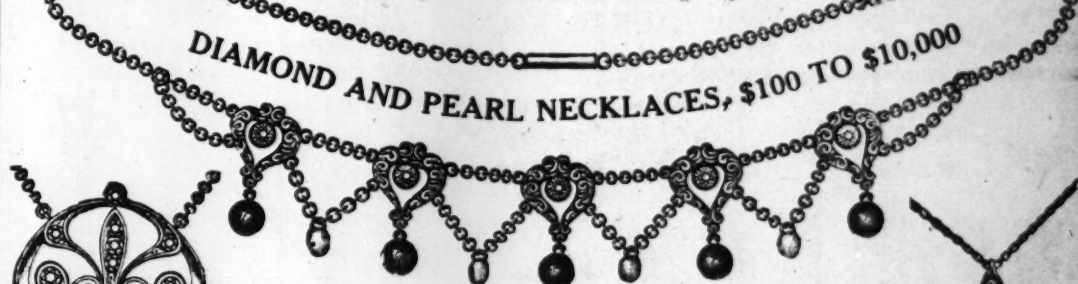
Big Ben Alarm Clocks—These accurate timepieces are useful gifts that any one would appreciate. \$2.50

14-Piece Chocolate Sets—Fine translucent china, decorated in a rose design in colors, with gold bands. Complete set of chocolate pot with lid and 6 cups and saucers. Only \$6.00

Shrine Emblems and Charms—Of solid gold, and those of other prominent orders, enameled in official colors in great variety of style, from \$2.75

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Bracelets, \$25.00 to \$1500
La Vallieres, \$25.00 to \$2000
Scarf Pins, \$10.00 to \$1000
Studs, \$10.00 to \$2000
Earrings, \$15.00 to \$4000
Dinner Rings, \$40.00 to \$2000
Very elegant lace design Circle Brooch, of dainty proportions. It is of platinum, and is set with very brilliant, well-matched white diamonds. A special value at \$285

Exquisite La Valliere, wrought in platinum, mounted with large aquamarine surrounded with fine brilliant diamonds. Only \$260

Pearl—Rings, \$10 to \$5000. Brooches, \$35 to \$5000. La Vallieres, \$15 to \$1500. Studs (sets), \$15 to \$1000. Scarf Pins, \$10 to \$1500.

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Ruby—Rings, \$20 to \$3000. Brooches, \$15 to \$4000. La Vallieres, \$15 to \$2100. Earrings, \$15 to \$500. Scarf Pins, \$10 to \$1200.

Announcement

By one of the largest Exclusive Women's Ready-to-Wear and Millinery Stores of St. Louis

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Entire Stock Must Be Sold, Regardless of Cost—Even the Fixtures Go

Full details will be announced in this newspaper as soon as all arrangements can be made

Preparatory-to-Expansion Sale

HERE'S one big special for tomorrow—Wednesday—that young fellows and the older young fellows will greet with a hearty welcome—**Chinchilla \$13.90 Overcoats, 13.90**

\$25 and \$28 Coats—big—warm—comfortable—caught in the preparatory-to-expansion rush—and going for \$13.90. Blues and greys—loose, conservative models—or extreme form-fitting shawl collar, patch pocket, belted back style. Never before; perhaps never again. Just ONE day, \$13.90.

Up to \$20 \$8.90 Up to \$35 \$16.90
Suits and O'coats Suits and O'coats

Gray or black Kersey O'coats \$13.90 with Astrakhan collars

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WELL THAT SCATTERS MOLTEN STEEL INVENTED BY AMERICAN

John Hays Hammond Jr. Has Projectile That Fires Buildings When It Explodes.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 22.—John Hays Hammond Jr. described today a new projectile he has invented that scatters molten steel made white hot during the flight of the projectile. The young man has gained fame by devising a torpedo boat controlled by wireless, and now with his shell expects to revolutionize siege operations. He says he has received orders from foreign governments for his device.

"This shell is designed to use against material rather than against persons," he said. "Against masses of men shrapnel would possibly be better. The application of my invention would be primarily against buildings. The explosion will set fire to a building much more rapidly than the shells ordinarily use. When the projectile strikes a

building the molten steel would scatter and immediately ignite all inflammable material around it.

"Tests of the new shell have been conducted in secret at my Gloucester laboratory, and United States army observers who are regularly stationed here have seen them. There seems to be great possibilities in the new shell, since the heat in it is second only to the heat of the electric arc. When the explosion occurs it develops heat of 540 degrees Fahrenheit, which is about 1000 degrees lower than that of the electric arc. It is as great as the heat developed by the most powerful explosive hitherto used, such as lyddite, for example, and the heat continues for a much longer time."

Two-Cent Fare Repeal to Be Urged. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 22.—Steam railroads operating in Indiana are preparing to ask the 1915 Legislature to repeal the two-cent fare law and provide for a fare of 2½ cents a mile. Similar appeals will be made to the railroads to increase fares in Ohio and Illinois.

Store Open Till 9 O'Clock Every Night Until Xmas

REMARKABLE BARGAINS TO BE RUSHED OUT TOMORROW

AT LESS THAN 1/2 PRICE

Men's \$20 and \$22.50

OVERCOATS

On Sale at Less Than 1/2 Price \$9.50

\$20 SUITS

For Men and Young Men On Sale at Less Than 1/2 Price \$8.50

These garments are carefully tailored of splendid quality materials—fit perfectly and will give lasting satisfaction—a vast assortment of latest colors and patterns—all sizes for men and young men. You were never before able to buy suits like these at such an extraordinarily low price.

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Being Rushed Out Wednesday at Give-Away Prices

Boys' Overcoats \$1.90 Boys' Raincoat Outfit \$1.78

Boys' Knickers 21c Men's Overcoats \$4.50

Boys' Clothes

AT 1/2 PRICE AND LESS

3.50 Boys' Suits & Overcoats \$1.75

5.50 Boys' Suits & Overcoats \$2.75

7.50 Boys' Suits & Overcoats \$3.75

\$10 Boys' Suits & Overcoats \$4.75

\$12 Boys' Suits & Overcoats \$5.75

\$14 Boys' Suits & Overcoats \$6.75

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BARKER DEFINES LIMIT ON SALE OF STATE INFORMATION

Against Policy of Law for Employment to Take Compensation Not Legally Prescribed.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 22.—Secretary of State Roach received an opinion from Attorney-General Barker today in which Barker holds that the selling of official information by clerks in Roach's office is in conflict with the spirit and intention of the law and indicates that such action on the part of State employees might lead to an abuse which would handicap them in the discharge of their official duties.

Although the Missouri statutes cover the case broadly, requiring that officials shall devote their time and attention to the duties of their offices, Barker says the Legislature of other states have spoken plainly rebuking the practice and he cites a large number of decisions from the Supreme and Appellate Courts which hold, uniformly, that no officer shall be permitted to take or exact more than is prescribed by law.

Barker said: "There is and can be no question but that the presumption of law is that the salary and fees of a public officer or employee, employed by the State to render services outside of his employment, AND NOT IN ANY WISE CONNECTED THEREWITH, for which he may receive and retain a fee."

"For instance, if the Secretary of State is a lawyer, he may practice law while acting as Secretary of State, for outside parties, and not connected in any wise with his duties as Secretary of State and may charge for such services. Or, for instance, a stenographer, in any of the State departments, may take deposition or do outside work not connected with such office and may make a charge therefor."

"However, as I understand your question, this is not the real point, but the point is, can an employee copy records from the particular office in which he may be employed and receive pay for furnishing this information. THIS IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM DOING OUTSIDE AND INDEPENDENT WORK."

The Nebraska Supreme Court compelled the State Auditor to pay back into the State Treasury \$46 for services which were not official and for which he received pay from outside corporations. The Auditor had been selling "preparations of statements for life insurance companies and procuring the same to be published." His attorneys urged that he be permitted to retain the fees, but the court declared that as a State officer "his obligation and duties preclude the idea that he could at the same time be in the private service and pay of the insurance companies."

"Might Make Big Profits." "It enables the Treasurer to make enormous profits out of his office and to add largely to the compensation for his services fixed by statutes. Under such a contract there certainly would be a conflict between duty and the interests of the officer, and extraordinary facilities for personal advantage from official position."

Barker quotes from the Supreme Court of Michigan to emphasize his contention that men in positions of public trusts should refrain from all practices which might prejudice them in the discharge of their official duties. The Michigan Court said: "All public officers are trusted with public functions for the good of the public, to protect, advance and promote its interests, and not their own. And a greater necessity exists than in private life for removing from them every inducement to abuse the trust reposed in them. As the temptations to which they are sometimes exposed are sometimes stronger, and the risk of detection and exposure less."

A representative of a private clipping bureau was quoted in the Post-Dispatch exposure of information selling as saying that she had been unable to obtain a list of the automobile registrations in the Secretary of State's office until after her clients had received the information from other sources. She said when she asked for the records each day, she was told they had not been entered.

Quotes From Authority. Touching on that point, Barker quotes from "Greenhold on Public Policy," as follows: "Any contract by one acting in a public capacity, which restricts the free exercise of discretion vested in him for the public good is void."

"The policy of the law will not allow an officer to do more than his official duty with a view to increase his fees and emoluments. It cannot change the principle because it happens that he has made a bad bargain. The rule is intended to keep public officers within the line of their duties."

Barker also quotes from the American English encyclopedia of law on the point, which says: "It is a general rule that contracts that place the individual interests of public officers in conflict OTHERWISE PLACE THEM UNDER AN INDUCEMENT TO ACT IN VIOLATION OF SUCH DUTY IS ILLEGAL."

Barker also quotes from the encyclopedia of law, which holds the honest administration of public duties second only in importance to the preservation of the liberties of any people. It says: "A people can have no higher public interest, except the preservation of their liberties, than integrity in the administration of

their government, in all its departments. It is therefore a principle of the common law that it will not lend its aid to enforce a contract to do an act which tends to corrupt or contaminate, by improper and sinister influences, the integrity of our social or political institutions. Public officers should act from high consideration of public duty, and hence every agreement whose tendency or object is to sully the purity or mislead the judgments of those to whom the high trust is confided is condemned by the courts. The officer may be executive, administrative, legislative or judicial."

Should Keep From Temptation. Barker holds that men in positions of public trust shall keep themselves in such a position that nothing can tempt them to swerve from the straight line of official duty.

He quotes from a decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana, which says: "There is no law that will not permit a sounder rule of law than that which requires public officers to keep themselves in such a position that nothing shall tempt them to swerve from the straight line of official duty. Officers ought not to be permitted to place themselves in a position in which personal interest may come in contact with the duty they owe to the public."

"The purpose of the rule is to prevent persons from assuming a position where selfish motives may impel them to sacrifice the public good to private benefit."

Barker again quotes the Indiana Supreme Court which held, in the case of a County Treasurer who accepted money to which the court found he was not entitled "that the general rule, applicable to fiduciaries prohibiting them from taking advantage of their positions to make profit for themselves out of the trust estate, should be strictly enforced against public officers who are guilty of similar malfeasance. The protection of the public interest requires that no exception to this rule shall be allowed nor any evasion tolerated."

Responsibility on Department Heads. After citing numerous statutes and cases from other states, showing that the employment of public officials by private corporations, along the line of their official duty is illegal, and not tolerated, Barker lays the final responsibility for such practices upon the Secretary of State and heads of the other departments, until such time as the courts or the Legislature of Missouri shall pass upon the question.

He says: "I think this matter is largely addressed to the wise consideration of the State officer in charge of such office to say whether or not such practices might lead to an abuse, and deprive the public of their rights."

When Roach wrote to Barker for an opinion on the legality of information selling by his clerks, he said he had an offer to deliver a series of lectures for which he was to receive \$1000, and asked if he would be permitted to retain the money for such service.

This was considered a personal thrust at the Attorney-General, who spent two months last summer on the Chautauqua platform, for which he received several thousand dollars. Barker replied that there is no law to prohibit Roach from accepting such employment, because it is entirely outside of his office, and should not conflict with his official duties.

As justification of his holding on that point, Barker cites the fact that such distinguished public officials as Vice-President Marshall, Secretary of State Bryan and Speaker Champ Clark and numerous Congressmen and Senators deliver Chautauqua addresses all over the United States, and receive pay therefor.

La Salle Xmas Special. 3 lbs. of 40c Candies, \$1. Special attention given parcel post. Our candies are pure. See our line of Xmas novelties at reasonable prices.

SHERMAN LAW SUIT AGAINST LEHIGH ROAD DISMISSED

Federal Judge Says No Attempt at Monopoly Was Shown by Evidence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Government's Sherman law monopoly suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. and a number of other defendants engaged in the mining and transportation of anthracite coal was dismissed by Judge Charles M. Hough in the United District Court here yesterday.

Judge Hough said: "No monopoly of

interstate commerce, nor any attempt to monopolize, is shown. The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof, and it is impossible to find any of the normal results of monopoly without also finding violations of the commodities clause, and none is discovered. As to the restraint of interstate trade in coal transported over the Lehigh road, there can be no restraint without control, and since the railroad does not control the coal it carries it has no means of restraint."

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Accused by Girl, Man Ends Life. YANNEVILLE, Wis., Dec. 22.—Rather than face charges made by a 16-year-old girl Frank Blanchard, a manufacturer, aged 61, who was under arrest, today ended his life by asphyxiation.

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PICTURES OF WAR AID THE BELGIANS AND ST. LOUISANS

Charles Gray, who is giving an explanatory lecture during the running of the European war pictures at the Garrick this week, is showing the audience a new meaning in the views of the formerly prosperous Termonde, Alost, Maline and other Belgian cities laid waste by German shells.

Every one of these ruined cities, Gray points out, means thousands of homeless and hungry women and children who must be fed by citizens of America and other neutral countries if they are to survive the winter.

The pictures show desolation and destruction everywhere in what were formerly thriving communities. With the exception of a few soldiers, and there a housewife brave enough or reckless enough to return to look for valuables amid the ruins of her home, the streets are deserted. Civilians

have fled before the soldiers, and are without food or resources, except what is provided by charity.

St. Louisans have an opportunity to help these starving Belgians, and at the same time view four reels of instructive and exciting war pictures, by attending the show at the Garrick. Half of every 25-cent admission paid goes to the Belgian Red Cross under an agreement made between the Belgian Government and Edwin F. Weigle, the photographer, before the latter was allowed to take pictures of any sort in Belgium.

The idea of making this offer to the Belgians came to Weigle after he had spent many days in the country trying to get permission to take pictures, and had met with an absolute refusal at each request. His privilege lasted only two weeks, at the end of which he was arrested, suspected of being a spy, and his passes taken away from him, although his films were returned.

Not only the Belgians, but homeless and hungry persons in St. Louis, will receive the benefit of part of every admission paid to see the war pictures. The films were brought to St. Louis under the auspices of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund, and a percentage of each day's receipts helps to swell this amount.

CONTEST TONIGHT WILL DECIDE WHO IS BEST DANCER

Every Person in Town Invited to Community Ball at Dreamland to Aid Festival.

FUND TO GET EVERY CENT

Gold Medals as Prizes at Big Charity Affair for Benefit of Christmas Celebration.

"Who is the best dancer in St. Louis?" This question, which has been before the public two weeks, will be answered tonight at Dreamland, on Olive street, just east of Grand avenue, where the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association will hold its big democratic community dance, to which every person in town is invited.

The doors at Dreamland will be opened at 8:30 p. m. and dancing will begin a half hour later, continuing until about 1 a. m.

The admission is 50 cents per person, which entitles one to dance all evening, to participate in the gold medal contests, and to be entertained by professional theatrical folk who have donated their services to the Christmas Festival Committee.

Nothing will be sold inside of Dreamland, a feature quite different from the usual charity function.

Every cent goes to fund. Every cent taken in at Dreamland will go to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund. By going to Dreamland tonight you not only will get the biggest 50 cent's worth of fun you ever had, but you also will have purchased one-third of a basket dinner to be sent to a poor family, half of the presents to be given each child at the Coliseum on Christmas day, or a dinner for a homeless man.

At 10 o'clock Harry Gray and Katharine Edson, who last night began appearing at Cicardi's Winter Garden, will take the floor for six minutes in European versions of modern dancing. These dances are different from any seen recently in St. Louis. Miss Edson is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, the Los Angeles suffragist, and learned her steps in Paris.

About 10:30 the prize waltz will begin. Anybody may compete. Previous entry is not required. When the judges announce their readiness any couple at Dreamland may take the floor and join in the competition. This is to be the real, old-fashioned waltz, and not the hesitation waltz or any of its variations.

Soon after this the prize one-step contest will start under the same rules. The ten judges will determine the winners in both contests and four gold medals will be awarded, two going to the lady and gentleman winning the waltz contest, and two to the lady and gentleman winning the one-step contest.

About 11:30 Roger Gray and Louise Allen, the musical comedy favorites of the company playing at the Park and Shennandoah theaters, will arrive at Dreamland from "The Gingerbread Man" performance at the Shennandoah, and will entertain with songs and dances in the inimitable Gray-Alan manner.

The 10 judges of the dancing contests are: Gov. Elliott W. Major, who comes from the State Capital especially to participate in this big community party.

Henry C. Giessenbeler Jr., president of the Federation of Dancing Clubs. Louis Hilfer, president of the Liederkranz Club.

Jacob Mahler, the veteran dancing master of St. Louis, who has taught three generations of belles and beaux ballroom manners along with their steps, and whose father taught two more before him.

Herbert W. Cost, who has danced so much in charity affairs as to need no introduction.

Mrs. Frederick W. Gardner of 4508 West Pine boulevard.

Mrs. William Dee Becker of 4045 Lindell boulevard.

Mrs. James H. Platt (who formerly was Miss Ann Drew) of 3765 Lindell boulevard.

Mrs. G. A. Buder of 2022 Park avenue.

A number of young matrons who are not only patronesses of modern dancing but also dance beautifully themselves have been invited to lend their names and presence to the big affair.

GOT LICENSE ON DARE; THOUGHT SHE WAS MARRIED

Girl Phoned Mother, Who Fainted, and Sister Cried, Then They Found Out Truth.

On a dare, Howard M. Bokenkamp of Burlington, Io., 22 years old, and Miss Iva McCormick of 7107 Waterman avenue, 20, took out a marriage license at Clayton yesterday afternoon, with these results:

Miss McCormick believed when she signed the application for the license that she had been married, and accepted the kisses and congratulations of her young men friends who work in the recorder's office at Clayton.

She telephoned her mother that she had been married, and her mother fainted.

Her younger sister, Marguerite, 17

years old, who accompanied her to Clayton, wept for an hour at the court-house, and all the way home.

Upon arriving at home she explained the circumstances to her parents, who discovered that she was not married, but put it up to her and Bokenkamp as to whether they should proceed to get married or return the license.

This morning Miss McCormick said she had not determined what she would do, but that the license probably would be returned, unused. She had known Bokenkamp only four days.

Feared to Get License.

The McCormick girls went to Clayton yesterday afternoon to pay taxes for their father, Michael J. McCormick, assistant superintendent of mails in the St. Louis Postoffice. Bokenkamp, who is a son of a Burlington lawyer, and who says he is boarding on Washington avenue, went with them.

After paying the taxes the McCormick girls went into the recorder's office, where several of their friends are employed. Scott Smith, a title examiner, dared Miss McCormick to get married.

"I'm game," she said, "but where is the man?" "When we get big, I'll marry you," Bokenkamp bantered.

"Do it now," several of the clerks shouted, at the same time. "Here's a dollar for the license," Smith said, tossing a silver dollar on the marriage license clerk's desk.

"And I'll pay for the marriage cere-

mony," Sylvester Peterson of 1873 Blackstone avenue, added.

My this time Marguerite McCormick was crying so loudly that she could be heard nearly all over the court-house. The clerk began writing out the marriage license, after Bokenkamp and Miss McCormick signed an application, giving their ages and other information required.

Quarrel as Car Leaves.

The affidavit was signed under oath, and Miss McCormick said she thought that constituted the marriage ceremony. Scott Smith insisted that as he had paid for the license he was entitled to the first kiss, and took it without further ceremony. Peterson took another.

Followed by a big crowd, the two McCormick girls and Bokenkamp went to a telephone. Mrs. McCormick was called to the phone.

"I'm married, mamma," Miss Iva McCormick said, in an excited voice. Mrs. McCormick gasped for breath and swooned. It was some minutes before she could say anything. By this time Marguerite had taken the telephone from her sister.

"Yes, mother, she's gone, she's gone, and I begged her not to do it," she said, between sobs.

The courthouse crowd followed the two girls and Bokenkamp to the street car, singing wedding songs. The older girl was beginning to realize that after

all she was not married, but was still under the impression that she would be forced to marry, after having signed the application for the license. She and Bokenkamp were quarreling as the car pulled away from Clayton.

Robbed of 2 Purse Containing \$27.

Elmer F. Byrne of 448 Delmar boulevard walked to the middle of the street to avoid two suspicious looking men on Newstead avenue, between Washington and Delmar boulevards, at 11:30 o'clock last night. The men followed and took two purses containing \$27 from him, and disappeared into an alley.

Women's Minimum Wage \$10.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—The State Minimum Wage Commission yesterday established \$10 as the weekly minimum for women and girls in offices, \$5 for office boys and girls over 16 years, but under 18, and \$6 for both sexes under 16.

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Walter Ends His Life.

Mrs. Dora Haynie of 1009 Chouteau avenue, returning home at 12 o'clock last night after a visit to relatives, found her husband, James C. Haynie, 27 years old, lying dead on a bed. He had taken carbolic acid. He was a waiter.

GETS RID OF FINANCEE FOR \$2500, WIFE FOR \$65,000

Frank E. Francisco Produces Release From Kansas City Girl When D'—nce Is Granted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The difference in the cost of hiding one's self of a wife and a financee was illustrated today when Frank E. Francisco, formerly connected with the American Tobacco Co. wound up his marital affairs before Judge Sullivan.

Granted \$65,000 alimony Mrs. Helen C. Francisco accepted a decree of divorce. Mrs. Francisco lives at the Blackstone Hotel. The disturbing factor in the case appears as Miss Olive Ogden of 2221 Garfield boulevard, Kansas City.

For \$2500 Francisco obtained a release from Miss Ogden whereby she agreed not to press suit for alleged breach of promise against him. The release was produced in court. It was dated June 20, 1913. Miss Ogden was named as correspondent in the suit.

Hunt Heads Anti-Executionists.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Gov. George W. P. Hunt announced yesterday he had accepted the presidency of the Anti-Capital Punishment Society of America, recently organized, with headquarters in Chicago.

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Broken Lots—Women's \$3.50 and \$4.50 Low Shoes.....\$1.00
Broken Lots—Men's \$4.00 and \$5.00 Shoes, now.....\$2.45
Broken Lots—Boys' \$2.75 and \$3.00 Shoes, now.....\$1.95
Broken Lots—Children's and Misses' Shoes, at.....50c

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BURNED POLISHING A STOVE

Woman Severely Hurt When Consumed by Fire.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jobb, 22 years old, of 627 Kansas street, was severely burned about the arms and legs yesterday afternoon, when a polish with which she was cleaning a heating stove took fire and ignited her clothing. She ran to the home of Joseph Hopkins, 625 Kansas street, and he smothered the flames with his coat.

The flames caused slight damage to the house before being extinguished by firemen. The polish was purchased from a peddler.

EVERYBODY'S buying diamonds, watches, jewelry for Christmas presents on credit at Latta Bros. & Co., 2d floor, 301 N. 6th st.

Feast for "Big Tim's" Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—In memory of Timothy D. Sullivan, known as "Big Tim" on the Bowery, where he was the chief political leader for many years, hundreds of homeless men will enjoy the annual feast on Christmas and go away with a ticket for a new pair of shoes, the gift of the dead leader's half brother, Patrick H. Sullivan.

Christmas Victrola Offer by the AEOLIAN CO Talking Machine Headquarters

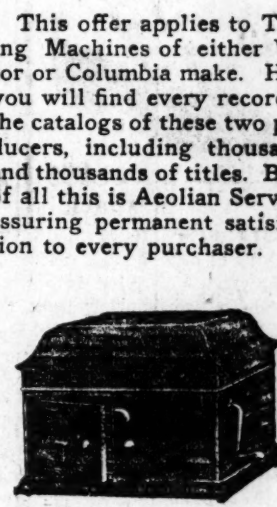
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In the Valley of the Moon
They Start the Victrola
What a Wonderful Love That Would Be
Aida—Celeste Aida—by Enrico Caruso
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Half and Half (A Castle Creation)
Love's Melody—Waltz Hesitation
Oh, Come All Ye Faithful
Joy to the World (Christmas Hymn)
It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary
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Penelope's Proposals

She thinks she will marry, but nothing comes of it, for while many pop the question, fate never lets her suitors hear her answer.

By Swift Adams.

"I THINK I'll get married," said Penelope to herself, as she sat in a quiet corner on the veranda of the Seaside Hotel.

Penelope was young and pretty. No level-headed person would ever have thought of making an assertion that, by any possibility, could be constructed as contradictory to such palpable facts. And every man at the hotel was heels over head in love with her.

After having reached this important matrimonial decision, she charged along the piazza, so wrapped in her cogitations that at a sharp turn she bumped, with considerable violence, into Tom Hathaway.

"Oh!" she gasped, "I beg your pardon!"

"You can't have it," interrupted Tom. "There's no reason why I should give it to you. It was delightful."

"Tom Hathaway, aren't you ashamed?"

"Not at all," said Tom. "Let's play golf."

"But it's so hot," protested Penelope. "Even the caddies are asleep."

"Never mind," said Tom. "Then we'll have the links all to ourselves. Come along."

Tom was on his knees, making her tea, when it happened. Penelope stood close by him. Suddenly he seized her hand.

"Penelope, dearest, for a long time I have wanted to tell you something. I want to say 'I do'—the fervently kissed her hand."

"Oh, Tom!" screamed Penelope. "Tom had jumped to his feet and was wildly grabbing at his mouth and choking. He had planned a passionate kiss on a wad that dangled from his lips. In excitement, he had pressed into her hand."

"Hello, what's up?" and Bob Hamilton, who had heard Penelope scream, came running out of the club house.

"I-I guess Tom has some sand in his mouth," said Penelope.

"Good," said Bob. "Good for his digestion. But how on earth—"

Tom Breaks for the Pump.

He stopped short. Neither of his listeners was in a condition to utter an intelligible answer. Tom made a break for the pump, and Penelope was sitting on the ground, sobbing with laughter.

"What in Heaven's name is the matter with Tom?" asked Bob, after she had in a measure recovered her composure.

"He just had an accident," she replied.

"Oh, all right," said Bob. "If you don't want to tell, I don't want to know. Let's take a walk."

They promenade lazily until they came upon a secluded bench. They sat and chatted, and his arm crept toward her waist, much to the consternation of an old gardener, who unobserved behind them was sprinkling the lawn with a hose.

"There is something I have long wanted to say to you," began Bob.

"Oh, dear!" sighed Penelope to herself. "They all begin the same way."

"I want to tell you a secret, darling," he said, approaching nearer to her lips than her ear.

The poor gardener was so perturbed at Bob's words and actions that he nervously dropped the hose.

Bob opened his mouth to make the rest of his declaration, and was astounded to receive in it an inch stream of water. Gasping and spluttering, he struggled to his feet. In mad consternation, the gardener, clutching the offending hose and disappeared.

Penelope gazed at Bob with stunned horror and surprise.

"You—you are not having a fit, are you, Bob?" she asked tremulously.

"Some careless damn fool!"—spluttered Bob.

"Beg pardon!" exclaimed Fred Chase, another of the Devoted Circle, suddenly coming into view, with a pair of ears over his shoulder. "Penelope, I'm ashamed of you. I didn't think you would tolerate profanity—even from Bob," he tacked on with good-natured sarcasm.

Bob Stalks Away.

Bob glared at him, and, without a word to either of them, stalked away.

"What's the rip with Bob?" asked Fred. "He looks out of sorts."

"He feels a little tired," she said dryly. "Is it nice rowing?" she added quickly, anxious to divert his attention from poor Bob.

"It is, if you have a parasol and are prepared to lie quite still," he said. "Come on and try it, anyway."

As she sank down on the boat cushions, she gave a little sigh. "I suppose he couldn't have gone on after that," she murmured half aloud.

"Oh, what's that?" asked Fred.

"I was thinking how handsome you look in that hat," she replied calmly.

"Thanks," said Fred. "The same to you and many of them."

"You don't talk connectedly, Fred," commented Penelope.

"How could I?" suddenly burst out Fred, "with you so near me? Penelope, dear, I want a wife."

"He's original, at any rate," thought Penelope.

"And you, darling, ever since that day—"

"Look where you're going, Fred!" shrieked Penelope.

It was too late. The boat crashed into a rock that stood half out of the water. The boat stopped. Fred didn't. He kept on going and landed on his

Poor Man's Santa Claus



The Christmas Spirit and How to Acquire It

ARE you getting the Christmas spirit? Like spring, it gets into the air, and at least you are in touch with it.

It is good to get it to the full, because it is a period of gladness. No matter if you are a hardened old bachelor, or a misunderstood husband, or a love-lorn lass, or a neglected wife, and you think there isn't anything on earth to be glad about, like Pollyanna, just turn the grouches into grins, and, as she says, "Find something to be glad about." If you can't be glad yourself, just make somebody else glad, and then YOU will have caught the Christmas spirit.

It smooths wrinkles and makes you feel, no matter how black things look, that Old Sol is bound to shine through all the rain.

One reason the people lose the Christmas spirit almost before they get it is because they gallop through a time of giving and getting and gayety, instead of enjoying GENUINE GLADNESS.

You don't get it by endless shopping to the wearying point, or wondering how much your friend is going to spend on your Christmas gift, and what you are going to find in your packages on the morning of the 25th.

You don't get it by spending all your savings of the winter so you will have to WORRY as to how you will get your spring clothes. But here are a few ways you can imbibe the gladness Christmas spirit that waits its sweetness through the year:

Find the poor family that you know

just can't get any Christmas, and give them some.

Send a cheerful letter to a sick friend.

Take joy into the home of the widowed mother and her little children.

Make some little kiddie happy in some way.

Remember your lonely Aunt Mary in the country and what a joyful surprise a little token will bring to her.

Be considerate of the people who work for you and do not overburden them just because you have the excuse of "holiday season."

Adjust the quarrel you have had with some one you love, even if it is necessary to lower your pride.

Save the clerk by knowing what you want.

Be satisfied with your gifts, no mat-

ter how immaterial they may be; it is the giver and not the gift that counts. Let "bygones be bygones."

In a word, create a chime of cheer for the cheerless one.

And, above all, smile!

What is said to be the largest drill ever made has been recently made for some special work being done by a Pennsylvania contracting supply house which had occasion to drill holes twelve inches in diameter through large timbers. It is more than six feet in length and in operation it cuts a twelve-inch hole through a pile of timbers six feet high.

From Atchison, Kan., comes the story of a windmill on top of a chicken coop which during a high wind caught fire from the heat of the friction caused by the swift revolutions of the arms. The coop was destroyed.

Agriculturists in Egypt have succeeded in raising a new cotton, brown in color and stronger than any heretofore produced there.

Drusilla's Dilemma

By Mrs. F. A. Walker.

ONE night after Drusilla had returned from the hospital Bobby Jones popped out of his box and asked: "What is the matter, Drusilla, have you had another accident?"

"Accident?" questioned Drusilla.

"Yes," said Bobby, "you look so queer in that long white dress, and I thought that bottle with the white stuff in it might be medicine. Where are your own clothes?"

"Well, Bobby Jones, I don't feel quite sure whether I am having an adventure or whether, as you say, I have met with an accident."

"This bottle is filled with milk, and it is my supper. I was put to bed with it, because that is the way they do with the new baby downstairs, and because he wears a long dress, I have to."

"He!" echoed Bobby Jones. "Do you mean to tell me, Drusilla, that a boy has come to live here all the time?"

"I can't say whether he has come to stay or not, but he is my little mother's brother, and I reckon he will live here."

"Oh dear, oh dear!" sighed Bobby Jones. "What will become of us?"

"Oh, he is very little," explained Drusilla; "not much bigger than I am. It will be a long time before he can get up here. I am not worrying about that; it is whether I am to be a baby or not that I am fretting about."

"Why will you have to be a baby?" asked Bobby; "isn't one in the house enough?"

"You wouldn't think so if you could hear him cry," answered Drusilla, "but the trouble is this—my little mother wants to play with the new baby; she wants it for a doll, and when the nurse would not let her give it a bath and dress it she began to cry."

"So they told my little mother to play I was a baby, and do all the things the nurse did with the new baby."

"That is the reason I have on this dress. It is much too big, and now instead of candy and cake I have to take milk from the bottle."

"I have to be put to bed and stay there until the new baby is taken up, and I can't go out in my carriage because I am too young. I am all powder and have to have all my clothes pinned with safety pins because they are too large, and sometimes the pins are not at all safe. Why, this minute there is one sticking into my back."

"Your little mother will get tired of playing you are a baby," said Bobby, who was trying hard to help Drusilla bear her trouble calmly. "If you will be dressed in your own clothes in a day or two, and, riding in the park as though nothing had happened."

"Oh, dear, I do hope so, Bobby Jones," said Drusilla. "Here I do not know whether I have to grow up all over again or whether I am going to be a boy or a girl. This isn't an ad-

Sandman Story of the new baby in the house which makes her jealous though she doesn't know it.

venture or an accident; it is a dilemma. "Good-night, Bobby. I don't suppose I should have talked to you tonight because the new baby can do nothing but cry, but whatever happens I hope to be able to talk to you at night, even if I have to be a baby all day."

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ANOTHER SANDMAN STORY WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW.

Bits From Everywhere

Over one million acres of land in Oregon are available for 220-acre homesteads.

Battlefield trenches are now dug as quickly as desired by the use of explosives.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has just completed a new refinery at Tampico, Mexico.

The frigate bird holds the record among the aviators. It reaches a speed of 200 miles an hour.

In 25 years 543,991 persons have been killed in India by snakebite, if a report may be believed.

James Edson, age 12, of Jamison City, Pa., recently shot a large black bear in a forest near his home.

The flesh of the forequarters of the beaver has somewhat the flavor of beef and the hindquarters have a fishy taste.

London last heard the boom of foreign guns in the Thames in the time of Charles II, when the Dutch made havoc of England's defenses.

Joseph Miller, noted because his joke book is a joke among joke writers, was born in England in 1784, and died there in 1788. He was an actor, famed for his wit.

A cattleman living near Walnut Grove, Ark., when he caught a coyote, instead of shooting it tied a bell about its neck and let it go. It is said that the sound of the bell drove away the other coyotes.

The Russian soldiers are even greater cigarette smokers than are the British Tommies. They simply must have cigarettes, and, failing anything better, they are quite content with a pinch of tobacco rolled up in a bit of old newspaper.

Fifty-four per cent of the inhabitants of the State of New York over 30 years of age were working for a living in 1910.

SOME NEW RECIPES.

Sheldon Salad—One can of pineapples, apples, 4 oranges, 2 bananas, 1/2 a pound of Malaga grapes and 1/4 a pound of candied cherries. Cut the pineapple into small squares. Seed the oranges and cut them fine, seed the grapes and cut them and the cherries in halves, slice the bananas very thin. Serve on lettuce leaves and pour over the following sauce: The juice of the pine apple, 1 supful of sugar, 1 tablespoonful of cornstarch, 1 cupful of walnuts (cut fine), and 1/2 cups of water. Mix the cornstarch with a little of the water and add the pineapple juice, sugar and the remainder of the water. Boil until thick, and after it is cold add the nuts. This salad may be put together and frozen.

Baked Indian Pudding—Three tablespoons of tapioca (soak over night), 1 quart milk, 1 egg, 1 pound butter, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup molasses. Scald the milk and stir into it the corn meal wet with cold water to make a paste and cook 5 minutes; then take from the fire and add butter, salt, molasses, beat egg and add sugar, salt, molasses, beat again and mix all together and bake in buttered pan two hours in a slow oven.

Macaroni Cream—Three eggs, 2 cups milk, 1-1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup cold water, 1 tablespoon granulated gelatin, 1-1/2 teaspoon salt, 2-3 cup pounded macaroni, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Soak the gelatin in cold water. Make a boiled custard of the yolks of the eggs, milk and sugar. Add the salt and soaked gelatin. When the gelatin is dissolved strain and cool. Add the macaroni and vanilla. Stir until the mixture begins to thicken, then add the whites of the eggs, beaten stiff. Four into mold and chill. Serve with whipped cream.

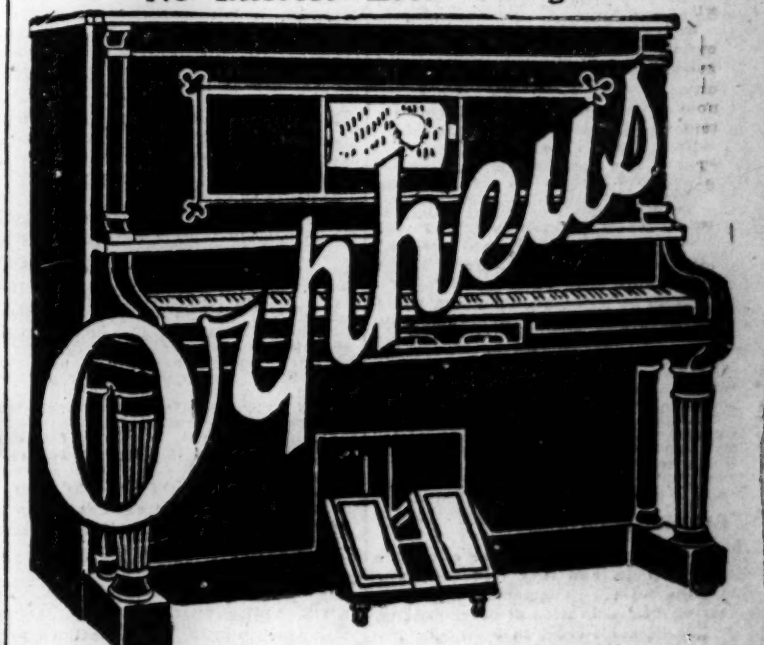
Missouri Apple Pudding—Butter a baking dish and half fill it with sliced apples, sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar; to one egg, well beaten, add half a cup of sugar and beat till creamy; stir in one cup of flour, and a teaspoonful of baking powder and 1/2 cup of milk; last add a tablespoonful of melted butter; beat thoroughly and pour over the apples; bake in a moderate oven for half an hour and serve with cream.

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By JEAN KNOTT.



BRANDT-FOWLER BOUT MAY PROVE HARD TO REFEREE

Fighters Say Easterner Is Difficult to Handle, When in the Ring.

TONIGHT'S BOXING CARD
Main Event—Charlie "Dutch" Brandt of Brooklyn, N. Y., vs. Monk Fowler of Memphis, Tenn., 8 rounds, weight 122 pounds at 8 o'clock p. m.
Preliminary—Archie McLeod vs. Lee Schneider, 8 rounds at 118 pounds.
Time of first bout—8:30 o'clock p. m.

By Harry S. Sharpe
Reference for the Future City A. C. and the Post-Dispatch's Boxing Authority.
Advance information in regard to Charlie Brandt, who meets Fowler at the Future City Athletic Club, tonight, is to the effect that the Easterner is a hard boy to get along with in the ring—the sort that gives a referee lots of trouble.
There is nothing in the written accounts of his bouts to bear out this assertion, but some of the boxers who have seen him work in the East say it is true, nevertheless.
The writer is inclined to the belief that Brandt will prove to be no more rough and unruly than many others who have appeared in St. Louis and that the charge against him is largely imaginative.
Brandt has been boxing in New York State, where a boxing commission holds over his things the right to hold boxers to account for any unseemly conduct, and we never heard of Brandt being obliged to defend himself before that body.

Brandt the Real Thing?
Besides, Brandt is a high-class boxer and not the sort that finds it necessary to resort to rough-and-tumble tactics in the ring. He is generally true of the really good men of the ring.
Boxers who, as a rule, give the most trouble by violating the rules, are those of mediocre ability, who have to depend upon strength and unfair tricks of the same in order to make a showing.
Brandt has boxed some of the best bantams and featherweights in the East, and it would have been impossible for him to have done so well against most of them had he not possessed ability as a boxer and ring fighter.
Brandt has been in St. Louis long enough to witness several of the entertainments which have been given by the local clubs and he knows just what is required of him there, and there seems to be no good reason to doubt that he will live up to the requirements.

Before Fowler was seen in St. Louis it was said of him that he was almost unmanageable in the ring, but those who witnessed his starting performance against Benny McGovern and Ed Sullivan were impressed by his fairness and earnest endeavor to give a pleasing entertainment without having to resort to foul or rough work.

Too the Mark Here.

In some places boxers are allowed a wide latitude, and they frequently violate the rules with impunity, having no fear of disqualification or other penalty. It has been different in St. Louis, and but little trouble has been had with visiting boxers. Where they have been hard to handle, and it has been difficult to make them conform to the rules, it was generally because they were receiving the worst of the fistic argument.
A striking instance of this may be recalled in the bout which took place at the Future City A. C. between Benny McGovern and Danny Goodman of New York. Goodman was outclassed from the start, but managed to get himself disqualified after a few rounds because he persisted in hitting while holding and striking while breaking from the clinch. This furnished him with an alibi and he was afterwards able to say he would have won had he not been disqualified.
As a matter of cold fact, however, he was being out-boxed by McGovern to such an extent that it left no question in the minds of the spectators regarding the respective ability of the two men.

One of the hardest of all boxers to manage was Jimmy Foley. The latter had come out of a rough school, and he thought the same thing as all right, but when he found out his mistake Foley took kindly to the requirements and became one of the fairest and most gentlemanly of the ring for a reference to get along with in the local ring. Mike Dole was never hard to get along with until he was seen by the local club and the name of Mike Dole was never heard of again.

Both are said to be in good condition, and it is probable neither will have any trouble in scaling 122 pounds at a week this afternoon.

WIRAY'S COLUMN

Good Morning! Have You Jumped Today?

THESE are the days when the world's champion baseball hurriers wake up in the morning and have to scratch their heads vigorously in order to remember what league they signed with the night before.

It's becoming so that if you want to see a ball player jump, all you do is to make a motion toward your hip pocket, or wherever you carry your purse.

Managers lie down to sleep with a safe full of perfectly clear and legible signatures and wake up with a ground-keeper and a bat boy for a line-up.
Players retire with lucid ideas about the binding character of a witnessed signature, but the next morning, dazed by the confusion of the night, they suspend all the rules of obligation, until after the baseball war, when they expect to go back on the job as loyal, dependable chatters forever after.

In short, this is the day of baseball chaos, when the magnates are certain of nobody—NOT EVEN OF THE FANS! In fact, still less of the fans, we may add.

It's fine old time to slough off a lot of baseball stock at par—if there's any par hanging around.
Next year's pay day will be so long it won't cast a shadow, if the struggle is not quickly settled.

Help, Mr. Johnson, Help!

BAN JOHNSON is doing a double-quick to help out the New York Yankees and give the big city a team. But, in spite of all these years of tail-end and second-dividend misery, Ban has manifested no quickness in the direction of St. Louis, except when he thought of going to sell out, once upon a time.
Why not help this burg, if players are to be passed around? A good team here is sure a pay than in New York, where the American leaguers have to buck John McGraw and his pennant trust.

How About This, Boys?

A BOSTON newspaper prints a list of the indoor athletic meets of interscholastic class only, which will take place between Greater Boston and preparatory school teams from the first of January to the close of March. Totalled they reach the (to us) amazing figure of \$5,000.
Has been noted, has scheduled none in the interscholastic division. Even the M. A. C. indoor athletic meet is temporarily abandoned.

In this particular, however, Boston probably outclasses any other community of equal population in the world. New York and Philadelphia are not excepted. And it's some community, too. Nominally St. Louis is the fourth in this country, the United States in population. Taken in conjunction with its easily accessible neighbors, however, Boston is twice or perhaps three times as great a center as the Mount City.

Twice the fact that athletics is more deeply grounded in the East than in the West, accounts for the unusual disparity in indoor track and events.

But it does NOT explain why St. Louis generally suffers sleepily along with practically no contests.

"Padded Cell" Is the Answer.

THE "Billy Patterson-How old is Ann" puzzle combination has been superseded by a new game of "guess the answer." The person or company exploiting the new puzzle is supposed to hang up a prize for the correct reply to the following questions:

"Have the Feds come to stay?"
"Where will the Browns finish?"
"Will Clarence Rowland make good with the Sox?"
"Who will win the baseball war?"
"Which is the better pitcher, Grover Londermilk or Reese Williams?"

What did Walter Johnson get for jumping back?

Nobody is barred in these competitions; experts, clairvoyants, baseball men and grand stand maniacs are invited.

Old Man Dole says this riddle is a cinch, and there's only one reply to the whole batch. It is "Good night!"

THEY do say that they stacked the cards on Clarence Rowland, the new manager of the Sox, when they gave him that first name. The name intended for him has to be pronounced with a cude of navy plug in the mouth.

A Quaker Freak of Nemes.

HOWEVER, it is a queer thing that although baseball is a sport in which aggressiveness, even pugnacity, is supposed to play a strong part in success, but one first name, belonging to a manager sure of jobs next season is of the sort that makes the enemy growl.

JACK JOHNSON IN GOOD SHAPE, GET BUSY, J. WILLARD

White Hope Dawdling About, Instead of Gaining Much-Needed Experience.

By Robert Edgren.

A Special Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Here is the latest "dope" on Jack Johnson and probably the most authentic recently published. It comes from John Schiff, a featherweight boxer who has just arrived in New York from London. Schiff is an American from Los Angeles. He went to Australia and fought four fights there—then traveled to London, where, finding no boxing in the clubs, he went to work with Jack Johnson in his show and spent seven weeks.

"A life saver, this one. Incidentally, the Christian name of each is different."

Still Killing the Goose.
ANYTHING in the nature of a fowl seems to ruin the Ethiopian aspect of property rights. Perhaps that's why the colored fighters continually seek to assassinate the goose that lays the golden egg.

The Wisconsin Boxing Commission has barred the colored scrappers, particularly Sam McVey and Sam Langford, who were wanted to feature a Milwaukee show.
The two Sams, it appears, have not been boxing according to Hoyle, and for this and other reasons are considered undesirable.
Both Sams have recently been guilty of permitting Jim Johnson, a giant colored dub, to stick around for a while in several recent fights. Although both outclassed him badly, one of McVey's first stunts, on arriving in this country, was to let Jim Johnson live through 10 rounds of New York contest, when he could easily have ended it sooner.

Money's Worth or Quit.

SINCE the fights have been cut down in duration, boxers have taken to the idea that halfway condition, semi-serious efforts and a large guarantee are the main essentials, when they box.

On the contrary, the fans expect to see good condition and far more action than under longer fight conditions. In short bouts there is no excuse for the drama flagging, after the men have sized up their opponents.

As a matter of fact, only in a few of the long list of battles where the guarantees range between \$500 and \$1000, will the spectators see a contest into which both rivals have entered with all their hearts.

It is in this country, where the stars are remaining idle, a good preliminary is better than a lazy wind-up.

MONDAY'S FIGHT RESULTS

K. O. Marx of Cincinnati bested Johnny Mayo, six rounds, at Philadelphia. Fast battle.
Felix Brannigan bested Eddie Whimler, six rounds, Pittsburgh.
Joe Egan of Boston bested Battling Stryker, ten rounds, Gloucester, Mass.
Knockout Brown and Harry Lamp, New York, fought a ten-round draw.
Monk Fowler bested Eddie Sanders, five rounds, at Memphis.

But if they doubt it he would make even a show of it, then, of course, they're justified in keeping him in hiding until he goes south to fight Johnson. But that case they can hardly expect to have many rise fight-fans sitting at the ringside when Willard and Johnson meet.

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Coach Bender is Eager to Return to St. L. U. Job

Former Billiken Boss, Now on Pacific Coast, Would Enter-tain Offer, He Writes.

JOHNNY BENDER, former Nebraska star and for two years the occupant of the football chair at St. Louis University, has written friends in St. Louis that he would welcome a return to this town. He says he likes the Pacific Coast about "oh, you St. Louis."

Bender hasn't yet officially applied for the coaching job at St. Louis U. and may never do so, as Mr. Keegan is sitting tight on the task just now, but there is a certain coterie of Bender boosters who would welcome the return of the Nebraska hero.

Bender always has and probably always will be esteemed the greatest defensive coach at the Billiken school. Coaches shone as a devotee of defensive plays, but Bender built a defense that stopped the attack of every team in the Nebraska hierarchy.

St. Louis U. met in 1910 and 1911. Earl Painter, who captained the 1911 squad, says Bender is the best defensive coach he ever knew. His record of holding Syracuse, a team that beat Carlisle and Cornell, to a 6-6 tie that year, upsets the dope. He also beat Missouri, 8-6. Incidentally that was the last good team St. Louis U. has had.

SALT LAKE WILL TAKE SACRAMENTO'S PLACE
SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 22.—After a conference here last night, President Alvin E. Baum of the Pacific Coast League announced that Salt Lake would be the sixth city in the Coast League circuit taking the place of the Sacramento mission club next season.

Salt Lake pays \$15,000 for the franchise and is Sacramento mission player, and also guarantees visiting clubs a minimum of \$200 a week, other cities doing likewise. Cliff Blankenship, "dime cover" of Walter Johnson, and a well-known manager, will likely manage Salt Lake. He goes East Wednesday to get players with which to fill out the club Salt Lake draws in the deal.

Will Open a Cafe.
JOHNSON talked about his plans. He expects to open a big cafe like his Chicago place either in Havana or in Buenos Ayres. He intends to do this after the couple of fights. Before Curley and Johnson meet at Johnson with Willard Johnson had accepted an offer from Havana to fight McVey before the end of the year. He may have changed his mind and signed the articles with Willard, but he doesn't care which comes first. He'll fight them both.

"Johnson isn't broke or near broke. I know that he has been sending money to support his mother and his sister and some nephews, and he has been a chauffeur and a waiter, and his wife is covered with jewelry, and he hasn't found the iron men scarce in Europe. He has plenty of money. He intends to have a few fights and then settle down as a retired champion in either Havana or Buenos Aires."

Wise Up, Mr. Willard.
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Harvard Team to Play Cornell Team in Place of Michigan U. Eleven

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 22.—The official schedule of the Harvard University football team for 1915 includes the following games:

Sept. 14—Colby University.
Oct. 2—Mass. Aggies.
Oct. 9—Carleton Indians.
Oct. 16—Virginia University.
Oct. 23—Cornell University.
Oct. 30—Pennsylvania State.
Nov. 6—Princeton at Princeton.
Nov. 13—Brown.
Nov. 20—Yale.
Nov. 27—Carleton, Colby and Mass. Aggies are new dates on the Harvard schedule. Only one game, that with Princeton, is away from Cambridge.

SALT LAKE WILL TAKE SACRAMENTO'S PLACE
SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 22.—After a conference here last night, President Alvin E. Baum of the Pacific Coast League announced that Salt Lake would be the sixth city in the Coast League circuit taking the place of the Sacramento mission club next season.

Salt Lake pays \$15,000 for the franchise and is Sacramento mission player, and also guarantees visiting clubs a minimum of \$200 a week, other cities doing likewise. Cliff Blankenship, "dime cover" of Walter Johnson, and a well-known manager, will likely manage Salt Lake. He goes East Wednesday to get players with which to fill out the club Salt Lake draws in the deal.

Will Open a Cafe.
JOHNSON talked about his plans. He expects to open a big cafe like his Chicago place either in Havana or in Buenos Ayres. He intends to do this after the couple of fights. Before Curley and Johnson meet at Johnson with Willard Johnson had accepted an offer from Havana to fight McVey before the end of the year. He may have changed his mind and signed the articles with Willard, but he doesn't care which comes first. He'll fight them both.

"Johnson isn't broke or near broke. I know that he has been sending money to support his mother and his sister and some nephews, and he has been a chauffeur and a waiter, and his wife is covered with jewelry, and he hasn't found the iron men scarce in Europe. He has plenty of money. He intends to have a few fights and then settle down as a retired champion in either Havana or Buenos Aires."

Wise Up, Mr. Willard.
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Figure It Out: Contracts Are One-Third Con

BILL DONOVAN TO BE NEXT LEADER OF THE YANKEES

Information Is One Development of Attempt to Sell New York Team to Ruppert.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—"Wild Bill" Donovan, whose pitching helped make the Yankees the American League champions last year, and who has been turning out championship teams at Providence, the International League, will manage the New York Yankees if the deal for the sale of that club is consummated.

This was the most definite piece of information that leaked out of the conference today between B. B. Johnston, president of the American League, and Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston, prospective purchasers of the Yankees.

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David Belasco Perfectos (a 3 for 25c size) at 5c; box of 25, \$1.25

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El Mundo, Broadleaf (a 3 for 25c size) at 5c; box of 50, \$2.50

EXTRA BOX SPECIALS UNTIL DECEMBER 25

El Sidel, large size, 25 to a box, \$1.57

Cortez, 3 for 25c size, 25 in a box, \$1.90

Cortez, 10 straight, 25 in a box, \$2.25

Cortez (ultimates), special, 25 in a box, \$2.50

Other Cigars, 25 for \$2.75, \$4.00, \$5.00

All popular brands 5c Cigars, 25 in can or box, 89c

We carry all leading brands.

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LIST OF 10c SIZES

El Roi Tan, 25 in box, \$1.45; large sizes, \$1.75

La Garnita, 25 in box, \$1.45; large sizes, \$1.75

First Consul, 25 in box, \$1.45; large sizes, \$1.75

Chancellor, 25 in box, \$1.45; large sizes, \$1.75

Preferencia, 25 in box, \$1.45; large sizes, \$1.75

Tom Moore, Robert Burns, Muriels, large sizes, 25 in box, \$1.75

LIST OF 2 FOR 25c SIZES

La Garnita, First Consul, 25 in box, \$2.25

Cortez, Henry the Fourth, El Sidel, 25 in box, \$2.50

DOMESTIC AND HAVANA CIGARS, 10 AND 12 TO A BOX

Henry the Fourth (Havana), 10c size, 10 in box, 89c

Henry the Fourth (Havana), 2 for 25c size, 10 in box, 98c

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El Roi Tan, large sizes, 12 in box, 84c

Mercantile, large size, 12 in box, \$1.00

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Long Havana filler, our leading 5c cigar, each

can contain a written guarantee to allow you

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\$1.50 Gaius Old Crow, \$1.33

\$1.25 Schenley Rye, 91c

\$1.25 Old Taylor, \$1.05

\$1.25 Hermitage, \$1.33

\$1.25 Brookport, 78c

\$1.25 O. F. C., 88c

\$1.25 Canadian Club, \$1.19

John Dewar, \$1.49

75c Virginia Dare, 53c

75c California Port or

Sherry, 38c

\$1.00 Italian Vermouth, 77c

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Brandies, Cordials and Champagne

\$1.50 Cordova Grape

Brandy, 98c

Holland Gin, \$1.23 and \$1.69

Old Kummel, Imp., \$1.98

Cook's Imperial

Champagne, quart, \$1.59

Three Star Hennessy, \$1.98

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No extra charge of any kind made for packing Wines and

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SIXTH & WASHINGTON

LOBERT AND MCGRAW REACH NO AGREEMENT

Chicago, Dec. 22.—J. McGraw, manager of the New York Nationals failed to come to terms with Hans Lohr, third baseman for the Philadelphia Nationals today. The two were together for more than an hour and McGraw was credited with seeking to keep Lohr in organized baseball.

The Philadelphia player has been reported as about to sign a contract to play with the St. Louis Cardinals.

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The Jarr Family

By ROY L. MCCORDELL

Mr. Jarr Becomes a First-Nighter for One Consecutive First Night

FINALLY the great night of the premier of Horace Grindman's historical spectacular drama, "The Maiden Martyr," was at hand. At Mr. Jarr's suggestion the time clock had been brought up from Mr. Jarr's home and installed at the top of the stairway leading to the first balcony, and all the employees had been notified they would have to ring in between 7:30 and 8 o'clock the night of the performance.

Those who didn't report or who rang out before 10:30 p. m., when the curtain went down, would be sacked at the shop, but those who put in their time at the performance were to be paid for half a day extra.

Fritz, the shipping clerk, was personally to marshal the porters and truckmen of the firm in the gallery, and each man was to bring his bale book, packing case hammer and nail puller, to help with the apparatus.

When Mr. Sam Slinger, the great manager, saw these preparations he snarled in open amazement. "You got to hand it to these captains of industry," he gasped. "Here I've been hiring audiences all season and never thought of that time-clock gag. I'll bet half of my hired audiences slipped out and double-crossed me by working again as audiences at cut rates in opposition houses when they had late-starting shows. Now I know what to do. I'll put in those time clocks, and from this on our salaried gallery audiences will have to ring in before and after each act."

"It's too bad these are stage secrets and can't be given out for publicity purposes," murmured the admiring Mr. Dogstony, the press agent. "The dame whose husband is the bankroll behind this show wouldn't let us have parts written in for that old human head-spin, Jared Slinger, but I've got him as a ballyhoo on the sidewalk and in the lobby. All day he's been standing on his head reading the bills out front and saying it's a great show because he saw it when it opened in Peoria."

"But it never opened in Peoria," remarked Mr. Jarr.

"We know that, and he knows that, but do the boobs know it?" asked Mr. Dogstony. "Why, he's been doing it all day, and we got an advance sale of seven seats; and five of them know it ain't moving pictures."

There was no trouble about getting an audience for the orchestra seats and boxes, however. Mr. and Mrs. Beagle distributed tickets among all the hotel club women and as these unfortunate have no habitation except the clothes they wear, and as they were further told a buffet luncheon with real food would be served after the show, they filled half the seats.

For the rest, Mr. Jarr suggested she would spread the news among all of Mrs. Mudridge-Smith's dearest friends in society circles that Mrs. Mudridge-Smith would make an awful fiasco and be a pitiful spectacle from stage fright; and so a bumper house was assured.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Mudridge-Smith was handsome, knew how to carry herself gracefully and looked stunning in the classic robes of a Christian maiden of the time of Nero. Besides, she was connected and sure of herself and had been thoroughly coached to say "As thou knowest, Parianus, I am thy slave!" and to roll her eyes and hold her chin up.

The lions and the old Shakespearean actor (picked because he was very fat), and the English leading man selected to play Parianus, the amateur gladiator of the proud old Patrician family of the Vegetari had to do all the rest of the acting, so there was a chance, as even Mr. Dogstony admitted, that the show might "get away."

"Anyway," added Mr. Dogstony consolingly, "I've seen so many shows fly that I didn't think would flop, and so many flop that I didn't think would fly, that all I can say is 'Ring up the alarm! And leave it to the Critics!'"

The Death Watch and to the house of enemies of the actors and the management to be persuaded it's what he public wants—when our new automatic applause machine and the hired hands upstairs give an ovation when I press the button!"

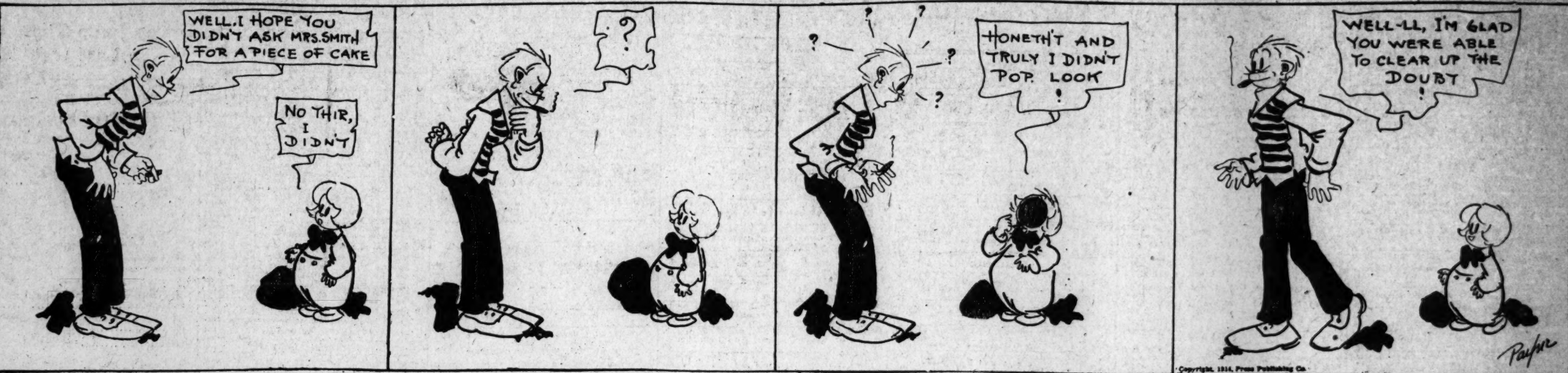
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Pop's Kid Proves He Didn't.

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By O. M. PAYNE



"Sniff! Sniff! Sniff!" Now, Look and See What the Pup Has Done for Axel!

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By VIC.



HICKVILLE DOINGS

From Our Hickville Correspondent

Hazen Conklin

Goings On Here.

HERE is our usual batch of sneers sneered for us by Amos Crab, our local sneerer:

When a person can sing it's hard to start 'em. When they can't it's hard to stop 'em.

If a feller allus did what his friends think he or her wouldn't make the same mistakes—he'd make others.

The old sayin' is there's really more jobs than there is fellers to hold 'em—but not toney jobs, and that's the trouble.

It takes a darn nerry man to walk up and tell the boss he makes mistakes.

We had two inches of snow to fall light afore last, on account of which Hideo Spriggs and his wife ain't no speakin' terms. Gid went to Hicks function that afternoon to dicker with Elias Ellis, prop. of the Ellis Tavern, for a roan horse Elias advertised for sale. Gid walked. He didn't show up, come supper time, and when Mrs. Spriggs went to bed at 8:30, havin' set up half an hour beyond her usual bed time to wait for him, Gid hadn't ar-

rove yet. He got in later without wakin' Matilda, and in the mornin' she asked him what kept him. "Dickerin'," he says. "Drinkin', you mean," she says. "Nope," he says, "nary drinkin'." We dickered and dickered till night 8 o'clock, and then I come straight home, and come home straight!" Mrs. Spriggs she went to the door and looked out. "Well, Gid," she says, "there's only one set of foot tracks in the snow out there, and whoever made 'em didn't come 'straight home' and didn't come home

straight!" They must of bin made by a two-footed snake."

In These Days and Times. COULDN'T the wreck have been averted?" "No; there wasn't a woman around who had a petticoat that could be waved for a signal."

Cheerfulness and politeness are assets that are within easy reach of the poorest.

Where Will It End. "HERE's a fellow patents a contrivance to keep girls from fallin' out of hammocks." "More machinery displacin' men."

Those who walk in the straight and narrow path do not have to mend their ways.

"Oh, the Tears Ye Waste."

FOR every masculine red nose you see, there is hidden away somewhere where you can't see them, a pair of woman's eyes, red with weeping.

The Ruse Worked.

A YOUNG LADY took down the receiver and discovered that the telephone was in use, relates the Christian Endeavor World.

"I had just put on a pan of beans for dinner," she heard one woman complainingly informing another. "She hung up the receiver, and waited. Three times she waited, and then, exasperated, she broke into the conversation."

"Madam, I smell your beans burning," she announced crisply. A horrified woman greeted the remark, and the young lady was able to put in her call.

Bumping Into the Furnace. "WHERE was Moses when the light went out?" "Thus replied young Peter."

"In the cellar, with a quarter in his hand. Hunting for the meter."

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Hits From Sharp Wits.

Beautiful complexion are not necessarily gifts from Heaven.—Deseret News.

Any girl can be as pretty as a picture, there being so many kinds of pictures.

Some men complain of hard work; others are glad that they have it to do.—Albany Journal.

A man will say there is no use talking, then he will go right ahead with the conversation.—Toledo Blade.

Store a little sunshine in your heart and the gray days will be easier.—Co Numbia State.

There are men who boast of their success in being able to avoid work, but sculptors are not kept busy carving monuments to their kind.

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who trimmed, retrimmed and trimmed again and again her winter hat?—Milwaukee Sentinel.

When hush money does talk it talks to the point and often to the prison.—Deseret News.

When a soft answer has failed to turn away wrath, try a hard punch.—Albany Journal.

Rose.

OUR Rose is slim, demure, petite; Her ankles are encased in neat And trim hose. But you could only guess at this; She never wore slit skirts—she is A prim Rose.

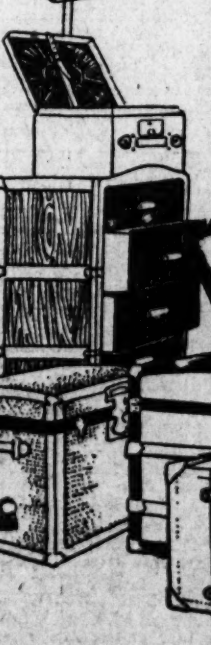
Calling Down Daddy.

MR. JONES had been scolding his 1-year-old daughter, who retorted: "Don't think, papa, that just because you married mamma you have a right to be rude to all women!"

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"But the type of aeroplane must be changed," continued Mr. Edison, "before such flights are undertaken, or otherwise the aeronauts will be talking like the automobilist who, after buying a cheap car, visited the salesrooms and said:

"You said when you sold me my four-horsepower runabout that you'd supply all parts broken!"

"Yes, sir," said the salesman. "Then," said the other, "let me have at once, please, a first and third size two front teeth, one left ankle and a nose bridge!"

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